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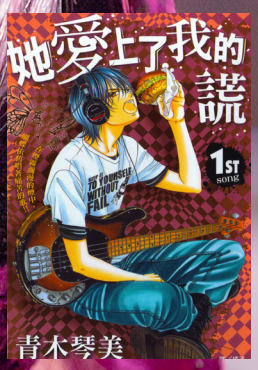

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Editor's Note

The past couple months were excellent for movies. There was *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*, the long awaited *Godzilla*, *Edge of Tomorrow* and *X-Men: Days of Future Past*. After this publication's street date, a few more movies worth watching are coming out: *Transformers 4: Age of Extinction*, *Dawn of the Planet of the Apes*, *Guardians of the Galaxy*, *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* and *Expendables 3*. So this summer season movies should be excellent.

On the convention scene, one notable piece of news is that this coming August is a new convention in Southern California, Anime California. Should be intersting to attend. This would be the first time attending a first-time convention since Anime Matsuri in Texas several years ago. I came close with the now defunct AM2 which I attended its second year.

Back in April was WonderCon Anahiem. I finally got to go for "almost" three days. I got to hang out with frinds and had a great time. For the first time also, I atttend their masquerade. It was ok, though I met this guy in line and quickly became friends. Interesting…how I meet a lot of people waiting in lines.

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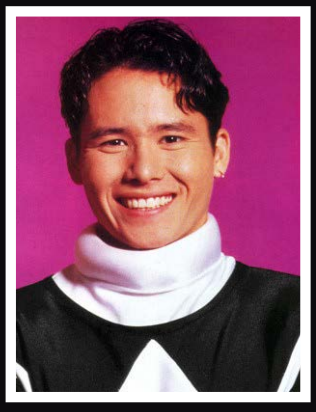

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Manga Brings Up the Issue of Bullying

Similar to young girls in typical Japanese anime, artist Kaoru Igarashi's manga characters all have distinctively large eyes and wear fancy school uniforms. But their words and actions are certainly not common in the usual comics for children.

"All you should do is die" and "your ugly face is getting on my nerves" are just some of the insults hurled at classmates in the manga. The content is intended to shock young readers into learning the realities of school bullying among girls and to show that such ill behavior can be vicious and ubiquitous. The message appears to be getting across. Girls' manga titles themed on school bullying have recently exploded in popularity.

Igarashi's comic straightforwardly titled *Ijime* (bullying), which runs in the Ciao DX bimonthly comic anthology published by Shogakukan Inc., has proved highly popular among fifth- and sixth-graders at elementary school. Its 10 bound volumes and 10 volumes of adapted novels have sold 2 million copies since the series started on Ciao DX in 2005.

"I feel rewarded if victims of bullying among my readers realize my message that they are not alone," Igarashi, said.

All episodes are fictitious, but Igarashi and her editor, Nahoko Inagaki, write the stories together after Inagaki studies the latest bullying-related incidents and interviews education experts. A storyline typically starts with how a junior high school girl becomes a target of bullying by her classmates, followed by scenes of bullying, often with violence.

Rina Inverse MX
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An Interview with...

RINA INVERSE MX

Cosplayer from México

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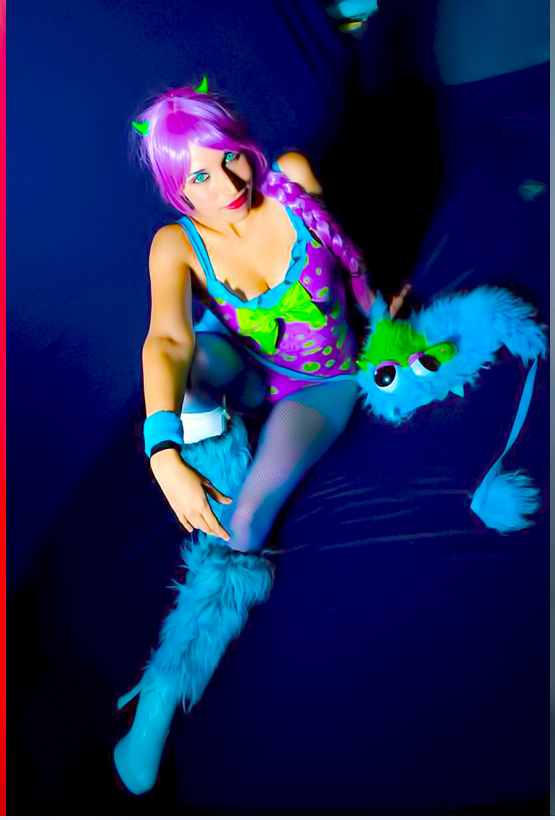
Kirin (Monster Hunter)



Lt-Rt: Android 18 & 17 (*Dragonball Z*), orginal Rinescos cosplay, Jade (*Mortal Combat*)

ED: Please tell us a little about yourself.

RINAMX: Hi my name is Cynthia, I live in México City, I have dedicated like half of my life or more on body and soul to cosplay.

I'm starting a little store, love animals, specially dogs, I love to go to the movies, walk in the mall and dreaming big.

ED: How and why did you choose the name "Rina Inverse Mx" as a nickname?

RINAMX: I'm a fan of the series *The Slayers* and Lina Inverse is without doubt my favorite character, I love her and wanted to adopt her name because I identify myself a lot with this wonderful character. The Mx is without doubt for México.

ED: Are you a fan of anime, science fiction, video games or any other fandom? Which ones?

RINAMX: Of course I'm, although I confess I don't watch as much anime as before, my favorite is still *Slayers*, but I like series like *Full Metal Alchemist [Hagane no Renkinjutsushi], Kimi no Todoke, Tenjō Tenge and Macross Frontier, Ranma ½* and *SAO [Sword Art Online]* just for mentioning a few, videogames I like *KoF [King of Fighters], Street Fighter, Final Fantasy* and *Assassins Creed*, those are my favorite series.

ED: Díganos un poco sobre sí mismo por favor.

RINAMX: Hola Mi nombre es Cynthia, nací y radico en la Ciudad de México, llevó un poco más de la mitad de mi vida dedicada en cuerpo y alma al cosplay.

Estoy iniciando una pequeña empresa de ventas, me encantan los animales principalmente los perros, me encanta ir al cine, caminar en centros comerciales y soñar en grande.

ED: ¿Cómo y porqué usted elige el nombre "Rina Inverse Mx" como un apodo?

RINAMX: Soy Fanatica de la Serie *The Slayers* y Lina Inverse sin duda es mi personaje favorito, me encanta y quise adoptar su nombre porque me identifico muchisimo con este maravilloso personaje, la Mx es un nacionalismo y justamente es por México.

ED: ¿Ustedes una fanática de de anime, ciencia ficción, videojuegos o cualquier otro fandom? ¿Cuales?

RINAMX: Claro que lo soy, aunque confieso que ya no veo tanto anime como antes, lo dicho mi favorita aun ahora es *The Slayers*, pero me gustan series como *Full Metal Alchemist [Hagane no Renkinjutsushi], Kimi no Todoke, Tenjō Tenge and Macross Frontier, Ranma ½* and *SAO [Sword Art Online]* solo por mencionar algunas, y videojuegos los *KoF [King of Fighters], Street Fighter, Final Fantasy* y *Assassins Creed* son de mis sagas favorias.

Lt-Rt: Ramona Flowers (*Scott Pilgrim*), Rockstar Hatsune Miku, original *True Blood*-inspired cosplay

ED: What motivated you to start cosplaying?

RINAMX: I believe my shyness, it sounds weird, but that was it, when I was little I loved to wear costumes on festivals and the Day of the Dead and when I became a teenager I thought that was over, however when I went to my first expo I realized that there was a wonderful world where I could characterize like my favorite characters and even though I was really shy I wanted to know it, today I don't regret, it's my passion.

ED: How many years have your been cosplaying?

RINAMX: I'm about to get 15 years old making cosplay and I won't stop.

ED: I see you cosplay the character of Morrigan Aensland a lot. Of all your cosplays, which one is your favorite? And why?

RINAMX: Hard question, because I love all of my costumes, but I have a top 5 favorites, and they are because there is a story behind them

5 Mai Shiranui
4 Kirihime Hanafuda
3 Princess Peach
2 Morrigan Aesland
1 Lina Inverse

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ED: ¿Qué motivado usted comenzar cosplay?

RINAMX: Pues creo que mi timidez, suena extraño pero así fue, cuando era pequeña adoraba disfrazarme en los festivales y en día de muertos y cuando me convertí en adolecente pensé que eso se había terminado, sin embargo al acudir a mi primera expo me di cuenta que había un mundo maravilloso donde podía caracterizarme de mis personajes favoritos y aunque era sumamente tímida quise conocerlo y hoy no me arrepiento, ya que es mi pasión.

ED: ¿Cuánto años tienes en el cosplay?

RINAMX: Estoy por cumplir 15 años haciendo cosplay y no pienso parar.

ED: Le veo cosplay del personaje de Morrigan Aensland en repetidas ocaciones. ¿De todo sus cosplays, cuál es su favorito? ¿Y porqué?

RINAMX: Pregunta Difícil ya que todos los cosplays portados hasta hoy son de mi agrado, pero si tengo un top 5 de mis favoritos y lo son porque no solo el portarlos si no toda su historia conmigo.

5 Mai Shiranui
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1 Lina Inverse

ED: As we know, anime and cosplaying have originated from Japan, have you ever studied the Japanese culture or learned Japanese?

RINAMX: Being honest, I tried because Japanese culture is awesome and rich, but I don't have talent to learn languages, even though I know some phrases and words I simply can't get it, for this interview I had to ask a friend for help.

ED: Cosplay is now famous world-wide. In your own words, please explain the cosplay scene in México.

RINAMX: I have lived a transition from when we were really few, I even risk to say that now it's a really popular fashion, and I love that, because now it's easier to find accessories and things like lens and wigs that before were really hard to get, and I have seen costumes that are really really beautiful and ingenious, I would just love that the media were like it used to be, for fun and not for competing to be popular on social networks.

ED: Do you think, by cosplaying, that it will help you in your future career? For example…have you been invited as a guest in conventions? Have you been on TV?

RINAMX: Well I have dedicated so much time to cosplay and so much love that I have being invited to different expos and events all around my country, I have participated as a guest on different TV programs, internet, cable and radio. All that have helped my so much that it's actually my principal income.

ED: Cómo sabemos, anime y cosplay es originado en Japón. ¿Usted nunca estudio sobre la cultura Japónesa o aprendió el idioma Japónes?

RINAMX: Siendo Honesta y con mucha pena, lo intente por que la cultura de Japón es formidable y sumamente rica, pero han de saber que no tengo el talento de los idiomas, y aunque se algunas frases y palabras simplemente no se me da, es tan así que en esta entrevista tuve que pedir ayuda a un amigo.

ED: Ahora, el cosplay es famosos a nivel mundial. En sus propias palabras, podría explicar la escena de cosplay en México.

RINAMX: Eh vivido toda esa transición de cuando éramos realmente pocos, incluso puedo atreverme a decir que es una "moda muy popular" y eso me da gusto pues es mucho más sencillo encontrar los accesorios que antes simplemente era imposible como pupilentes y pelucas, y e visto vestuarios realmente hermosos, ingeniosos y sumamente laboriosos, solo me gustaría que el ambiente se relajara como lo era antes y todos lo hicieran solo por diversión y no por competir por ser populares en redes sociales como lo han hecho algunos chicos y chicas.

ED: ¿Usted piensa que el cosplay puede ser su carrera futura o un apoyo para esta? Por ejemplo…¿Le han invitado a convenciones? ¿Usted a salido en TV?

RINAMX: Pues le eh dedicado tanto tiempo a esto y con tanto amor que ha logrado llevarme a diversas expos y eventos en todo mi país, participando como invitada, eh salido en diversos programas de TV, Internet, Cable y Radio, me ha ayudado de una manera tan grande que incluso confieso que es mi ingreso económico principal.

World Cosplay Summit skit (Lt) and Rina as Morrigan on the red carpet in Japan. (Rt)

Lt-Rt: Fluttershy (*My Little Pony*), Ranma Saotome (*Ranma½*), Dark Magician Girl (*Yu-Gi-Oh!*)

ED: You were the finalists in the World Cosplay Summit 2011 México and traveled to Japan. How was your experience with the World Cosplay Summit competition? How was your experience in Japan?

RINAMX: WCS was a dream come true, my experience in Japan is a great memory that I carry with me all the time, I discovered new friends that I'm still in touch with, and even though it's an exhausting competition it's all worth it.

Japan is simply wonderful, its people, food, architecture, deserts, I got completely in love.

ED: In the United States, most people who are not fans anime, science fiction, video games, etc., look at subculture of cosplay as freaks mainly because they don't understand. Do you think that it's the same way most people in México view cosplayers? What is your opinion on this?

RINAMX: We have to respect each other's ideas, but cosplay is a hobby that's so complex because it's not only to costume, you have to make, arm, make up, comb etc, it's an art and people who think we are weirdoes that's because they don't know what all this is about, I have friends that are engineers, doctors, teachers, administrators, everything, they still take time to make their cosplays.

ED: Ustede es finalista en el World Cosplay Summit de México en el año 2011 y viajado a Japón. ¿Cómo fue su experiencia con el competencia World Cosplay Summit? ¿Cómo fue su experiencia en Jápon?

RINAMX: El WCS fue un sueño hecho realidad, mi experiencia en Japón es un recuerdo que llevo conmigo todo el tiempo y descubri nuevos amigos con los cuales aún tengo contacto, sin duda y aunque es un concurso que te agota y desgasta en todos los sentidos pero valió la pena.

Y Japón, Japón es simplemente maravilloso, su gente, su comida, su arquitectura, sus postres, quede enamorada por completo.

ED: En los Estados Unidos, en su mayoría la gente no son fanáticos de anime, ciencia ficción, videojuegos, etcétera, ver la subcultura de cosplay como si fueran babosos. ¿Es lo mismo que pasa con la mayoría en México al ver a los cosplayers? ¿Cual es su opinión?

RINAMX: Hay que respetar la idea de cada quien, pero el Cosplay es un hobbie tan completo pues no solo es el hecho de disfrazarse, si no el ingeniarse para toda la hechura, armado, maquillaje, peinado, etc, etc, etc, es todo un arte y quienes creen que somos personas raras es porque no conoce o sabe de qué se trata dejando hablar a su ignorancia, yo tengo amigos profesionistas, ingenieros, doctores, maestros, químicos, administradores, bueno hay de todo y eso no los desacredita en ningún sentido al contrario, ¡de dónde sacan tiempo todavía para crear sus cosplays!.

Lt-Rt: Princess Peach (*Super Mario Bros.*), Sailor Aluminum Siren (*Sailor Moon*), Sheryl Nome (*Macross Frontier*)

ED: I'm sure when you attend conventions and photographers taking pictures of you. In the US, many cosplayers complain about photographers being rude and taking inappropriate pictures without permission. There are also times when cosplayers are harassed or even worse. To fight back, there is a growing movement in America called "Cosplay is NOT Consent." Is there something similar in México? If so, how does it affect cosplayers?

RINAMX: In Mexico there's recpect between camekos [photographers] and cosplayers, and there are no photos like that. But we have lot of cases of cosplayers attacking other cos-players for the thing that they want to be more popular on the internet, and there's lot of cyber harassment. Because of this I started a movement to motivate cosplayers to give cosplay another try and don't drop it cause of the harassment, we call it "Iniciativa Cosplay Para Todos" and there I hear their stories and I can give some words of support the best as I can, the idea it to make cosplay a nice media again.

ED: Sabemos que hay muchos asistentes en las convenciones y hay fotografos que asisten a tomarte fotos. En los Estados Unidos, muchos cosplayers se han quejado sobre fotógrafos que son groseros y que toman fotos inadecuadas sin su concentimiento. Algunas veces son acosados por ellos. Para defenderse, hay un movimiento llamado "Cosplay is NOT Consent." ¿Tienes un movimiento similar in México? ¿Si hay, cómo afecta a los cosplayers?

RINAMX: En México aunque hay muchos camekos se ha sabido llevar creo yo el respeto Cameko-Cosplayer y no hay fotos de ese estilo de manera tan obvia. Sin embargo hay muchos casos de ataque entre los mismos Cosplayers por lo que mencione de querer ser el mas popular de internet y hay mucho ciberacoso a todos los grados, debido a esto empece una iniciativa para motivar nuevamente a todos esos Cosplayers que se han desanimado por estos acosos y que les afecta en su vida llamada "Iniciativa Cosplay Para Todos" y ahí escucho sus historias y yo les aconsejo lo mejor que puedo, la idea es recuperar el sano ambiente entre nosotros.

ED: Another controversial issue in cosplaying is about body type. Some people argue that anyone could cosplay any character. Others argue you cannot. How do you feel about this? Has this issue affected the way you choose a character to cosplay?

RINAMX: As I told you, "Cosplay Para Todos" and I try to see that everyone who wants have fun and enjoy cosplay, so people can make any cosplay the want.

In my case I chose only characters that I like and know, some other times only for the way they look because there are beautiful designs that are a challenge to make come true.

ED: As in the United States, anime conventions have been increasing year after year. Has the number of conventions in México been increasing also?

RINAMX: They have increased so much that there are more than one every weekend in all the country, in the DF [federal district, referring to México City] there are like 8 or 10 big expos in a year.

ED: How would you describe the typical Méxican anime fan in your opinion? And how is the anime scene in México?

RINAMX: Mexican fans of anime are really passionate, even though there are lot of types, some play TCG [trading card games], some are gamers, some are anime fans only, dance, K-pop, geeks, drawers, cosplayers, each one on its own thing, even though there's no anime being aired in open TV since 1998 (except *Dragon Ball Z*), some cable channels and internet channels have expanded a lot the anime, now with Netflix this is growing and creating new fans.

ED: Tienen algun otro problema polémico en el mundo cosplay como las criticas por el tipo de cuerpo. Hay personas que discuten que cualquier persona puede hacer cosplay y otros que no es así. ¿Cómo usted siente sobre esto? ¿Este problema polémico afecta la manera que usted elige un personaje para interpretarlo en cosplay?

RINAMX: Somo lo comente el nombre de mi iniciativa es Cosplay Para Todos y yo soy participe de que cualquiera que lo quiera, se divierta y disfrute puede hacer el cosplay que quiera y como prefiera.

En mi caso yo elijo solo personajes que me atraigan primero, muchas veces por que me gusto mucho, pero otras veces solo por como se ve aunque no lo conozca pues hay diseños hermosos y verdaderos retos para traer a la realidad.

ED: Cómo en los Estados Unidos, las convenciones de anime han estado aumentando año tras año. ¿Esto también esta pasando en las convenciones de México?

RINAMX: Han aumentado a tal grado que hay más de una cada fin de semana en todo el país, en el DF hay de 8 a 10 expos grandes al Año.

ED: ¿Cómo describirías al fanático del anime Mexicano/a en su opinión? ¿Y cómo es la escena de anime en México?

RINAMX: Los fans de México en el anime son sumamente apasionados, aunque hay de diversos tipos, los que juegan TCG, los gamers, los que solo ven anime, los que bailan y gustan del K-pop, los geeks, los que dibujan, Cosplayers, y cada quien esta tan clavado en lo suyo, aunque en México no transmiten anime en TV abierta desde el 1998 (excepto *Dragon Ball Z*), algunos canales de TV pagada y el internet son los que han expandido de gran manera el gusto del público más joven al anime y ahora con la renta de Netflix y el estilo sin duda se distribuye mucho mas y crea nuevos fans, ahora ya está bien visto, en mis tiempos yo era la rara.

Lt-Rt: Spider Woman (*Marvel*), Malin (*King of Fighters*), Fluttershy "Wigplay" variation (*My Little Pony*)

ED: Of all the conventions you attended, which one was your favorite and why?

RINAMX: Huy, I don't have a favorite event, everyone have its own thing, but I really really enjoy the events from Veracruz and San Luis Potosi, people is really nice to me and in my city I enjoy La Mole Comic-Con and Expo TNT that are the biggest and places of reunion with my friends.

ED: Do you have any last thoughts you want to tell our audience?

RINAMX: Well I want to thank first to Ed for your patience and waiting for the interview and giving me this chance, I'm really happy that there's people from USA that will be able to know who I'm, cause one of my dreams is going to DragonCon or ComicCon or Brony-Con and being able to meet Mel (WindofTheStars) cause she is my favorite cosplay in all the world, hope you add me in Facebook, it will be nice to k now you, I send a big Rina Kiss. ❖

ED: ¿De todos convenciones que usted asiste, cuál es su favorita y porque?

RINAMX: Huy, no tengo un evento favorito cada uno a tenido lo suyo pero sin duda el asistir a los eventos del estado de Veracruz y San Luis Potosi siempre son un placer, la gente por allá siempre es linda conmigo y en mi ciudad e disfrutado ir a La Mole Comic-Con y Expo TNT que son las más grandes y siempre son lugares de reunión con los amigos.

ED: ¿Usted tiene algún ultimo pensamientos que quiera decir a nuestra audiencia?

RINAMX: Pues quiero dar las gracias primero a Ed por la pasciencia y la espera de la entrevista y por darme esta oportunidad, me siento muy contenta de que haya gente en USA que podrá conocerme y saber quién soy yo, pues eh de confesar que mi otro sueño grande es ir a un Dragon-Con o ComicCon y poder conocer a Mel (WindofThe-Stars) quien es mi cosplayer favorita en todo el mundo, así que espero me agreguen a mi Facebook, será un gusto saber de uds ^^ lesmando un gran beso Rinesco. ❖

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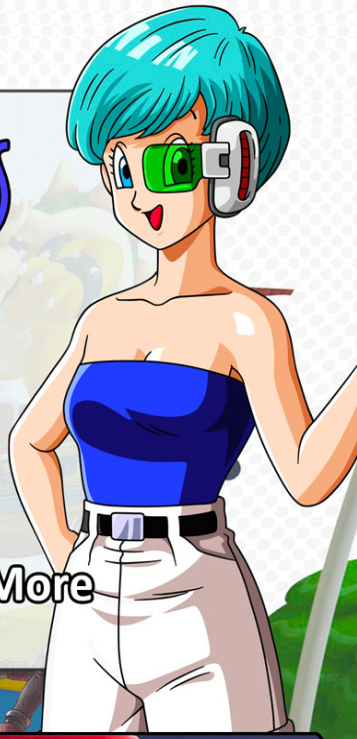

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Medicine Hat Fan Round Up
June 21
Medicine Hat College
Medicine Hat, Alberta
www.mhfanroundup.com

Sukoshi Con: Montgomery
June 21
Embassy Suites Montgomery - Hotel & Conference Center
Montgomery, AL
sukoshicon.com/montgomery_news.html

JAFAX
June 21-22
Grand Valley State University
Allendale, MI
www.jafax.org

SunnyCon
June 21-22
Pullman Lodge Hotel, Bar & Function Suite, Sunderland, UK
www.sunnycon.co.uk

Wie.MAI.KAI
June 21-22
Bürgerhaus Kastel,
Wiesbaden, Germany
www.wiemaikai.de

Animaritime
June 27-29
Fredericton Convention Centre
Fredericton, New Brunswick
animaritime.org

Anime Evolution
June 27-29
University of British Columbia
Vancouver, British Columbia
www.animeevolution.com

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Anime Festival Wichita
June 27-29
Hyatt Regency Wichita
Wichita, KS
www.afwcon.org

Northwest Fan Fest
June 27-29
University of British Columbia
Vancouver, British Columbia
www.northwestfanfest.com

Anime Getaway in Mobile
June 28
Ashbury Hotel and Suites
Mobile, AL
animegetaway.com/mobile/

Nishikaze
June 28
University of Lethbridge, Anderson Hall
Lethbridge, Alberta
www.nishikaze.ca

Japan Expo
July 2-6
Paris-Nord Villepinte
Paris, France
www.japan-expo.com

Anime Expo
July 3-6
Los Angeles Convention Center
Los Angeles, CA
www.anime-expo.org

Florida Supercon
July 3-6
Miami Beach Convention Center
Miami, FL
floridasupercon.com

Anime Midwest
July 4-6
Hyatt Regency O'Hare
Rosemont, IL
www.animemidwest.com

Sukoshi Con: Louisville Anime Weekend
July 4-6
Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport Expo Center, Louisville, KY
sukoshicon.com/louisville/

GeekFest Québec
July 5-6
Cégep Limoilou, Québec, Québec
www.geekfestmtl.com/geekfestqc/

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London Anime & Gaming Con
July 5-6
London Metropolitan University, The Rocket Complex
London, UK
londonanimecon.com

ConnectiCon
July 10-13
Connecticut Convention Center
Hartford, CT
connecticon.org

Anime-zing!
July 11-13
The RiverCenter, Davenport, IA
qcanimezing.com

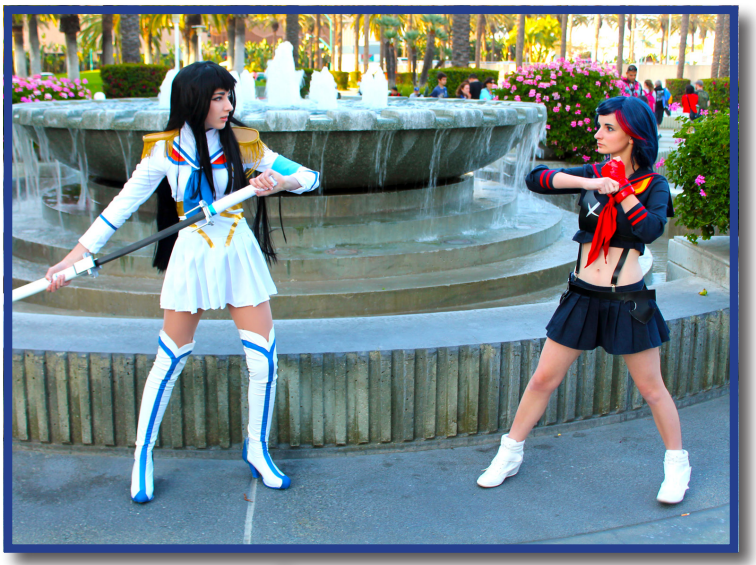
Atomic Lollipop
July 11-13
Ontario Science Center
Toronto, Ontario
www.atomiclollipop.com

Metrocon
July 11-13
Tampa Convention Center
Tampa, FL
metroconventions.com

TFcon
July 11-13
Delta Meadowvale Resort and Conference Centre
Mississauga, Ontario
www.tfcon.ca

AMA-Con
July 12
Amarillo Civic Center
Amarillo, TX
ama-con.amarillolibrary.org

Anime Getaway in Jackson, MS
July 12
Cabot Lodge Millsaps, Jackson, MS
animegetaway.com/jacksonms/



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Sukoshi Con: Little Rock, AR
July 12
Holiday Inn Express Little Rock - Airport, Little Rock, AR
sukoshicon.com/little_rock/

Tanibata
July 12-13
Regional House of Folk Arts
Rostov-na-Donu, Russia
tanibata.ru

Ancient City Con
July 18-20
Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront, Jacksonville, FL
ancientcitycon.com

AVCon
July 18-20
Adelaide Convention Centre
Adelaide, SA Australia
www.avcon.org.au

BroCon
July 18-20
University of Limerick
Limerick, Ireland
brocon.info

ConBravo!
July 18-20
Hamilton Convention Centre/ Sheraton Hamilton Hotel
Hamilton, Ontario
conbravo.com

Hoshicon
July 18-20
Sheraton Charlotte Airport Hotel, Charlotte, NC
www.hoshicon.org

Ryu-Con
July 18-20
Buffalo Niagara Convention Center, Buffalo, NY
ryu-kon.com

San Japan
July 18-20
Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center/San Antonio Grand Hyatt Hotel, San Antonio, TX
www.san-japan.org

CosDay
July 19-20
Mercure Frankfurt NordWest-Zentrum, Frankfurt, Germany
www.cosday.de

Moshi Moshi
July 20
Westergasfabriek
Amsterdam, Netherlands
www.moshimoshi-event.nl

Comic-Con International: San Diego
July 24-27
San Diego Convention Center
San Diego, CA
comic-con.org

Anime Festival Orlando
July 25-27
Wyndham Orlando Resort
Orlando, FL
animefestivalorlando.com

AnimeIowa
July 25-27
Coralville Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, Coralville, IA
animeiowa.com

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Asheville Anime Regional Convention
July 26
Crowne Plaza Resort Asheville
Asheville, NC
ashevillearc.com

Glass City Con
July 26-27
Seagate Convention Centre
Toledo, OH
glasscitycon.com

Omnicon
August 1-2
McAllen Convention Center
McAllen, TX
www.omnicononline.com

Akai Con
August 1-3
Millenium Maxwell House
Nashville, TN
www.akaicon.com

AnimagiC
August 1-3
Beethovenhalle Bonn
Bonn, Germany
www.animania.de/home.html

Fandomfest
August 1-3
Kentucky International
Convention Center
Louisville, KY
www.fandomfest.com

Fandemonium
August 1-3
Nampa Civic Center
Nampa, ID
www.fandemonium.org

Genki
August 1-3
Farum Arena
Farum, Denmark
www.genki.dk

Go!Daiko-Con
August 1-3
Auburn Hills Marriott Pontiac
at Centerpoint
Pontiac, MI
godaikocon.com

Ikasucon
August 1-3
Grand Wayne Convention
Center
Fort Wayne, IN
www.ikasucon.org

MechaCon
August 1-3
Hilton New Orleans Riverside
New Orleans, LA
www.mechacon.com

Nom-Con
August 1-3
Ballsbridge Hotel
Dublin, Ireland
www.nom-con.net

MinCon
August 2
Mineola Memorial Library
Mineola, NY
www.mineolalibrary.info/mincon

KuroNeko Con
August 2-3
Spokane Convention Center
Spokane, WA
www.kuronekocon.com

Anime Overload
August 8-10
Holiday Inn Austin Midtown
Austin, TX
www.anime-overload.com

Animethon
August 8-10
MacEwan University
Edmonton, Alberta
www.animethon.org

Auto Assembly
August 8-10
Hilton Birmingham
Metropole Hotel
Birmingham, UK
www.autoassembly.org.uk

Chiisaicon
August 8-10
Paroquet Springs
Conference Centre
Shepherdsville, KY
www.chiisaicon.com

Nagu Con
August 8-10
Red Lion Colonial Hotel
Helena, MT
nagucon.homestead.com

Otakon
August 8-10
Baltimore Convention Center
Baltimore, MD
www.otakon.com

Pensacola Para Con
August 9-10
Pensacola Fair Grounds
Pensacola, FL
www.pensacolaparacon.com

SMASH! Sydney Manga and Anime Show
August 9-10
Rosehill Gardens Event Centre
Rosehill, NSW Australia
www.smash.org.au

Stockton-Con
August 9-10
Stockton Arena
Stockton, CA
www.stocktoncon.com

Delta H Con
August 15-17
Houston Galleria J.W. Marriott
Houston, TX
www.deltahcon.com

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AnimeFest
August 15-18
Sheraton Dallas Downtown Hotel, Dallas, TX
www.animefest.org

Ani-Jam
August 16-17
Fresno Convention Center
Fresno, CA
www.ani-jam.com

Anime California
August 22-24
Hyatt Regency Orange County
Garden Grove, CA
www.animecalifornia.com

Anime Revolution
August 22-24
Vancouver Convention Centre
Vancouver, British Columbia
www.animerevolution.ca

Geek.Kon
August 22-24
Madison Marriott West
Madison, WI
www.geekkon.net

Intervention
August 22-24
Hilton Washington DC/ Rockville Hotel & Executive Meeting Ctr, Rockville, MD
www.interventioncon.com

Japan Expo USA
August 22-24
San Mateo Event Center
San Mateo, CA
www.japan-expo.org

Kita-Kon
August 22-24
Lakehead University
Thunder Bay, Ontario
www.kita-kon.org

Matsuricon
August 22-24
Hyatt Regency Columbus
Columbus, OH
www.matsuricon.org

Otakuthon
August 22-24
Palais des congrès de Montréal
Montréal, Quebec
www.otakuthon.com

Power Morphicon
August 22-24
Pasadena Convention Center, Pasadena, CA
officialpowermorphicon.com

SaikouCon
August 22-24
Holiday Inn Conference Center Lehigh Valley
Breinigsville, PA
www.saikoucon.com

ONECon
August 23-24
ARC Stockton Arts Centre
Stockton-on-Tees, UK
onecon.co.uk/www.onecon.co.uk/ONECon___Home.html

FanExpo Canada
August 28-31
Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto, Ontario
www.fanexpocanada.com

Abunai
August 29-31
NH Koningshof
Veldhoven, Netherlands
www.abunaicon.nl

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Sac-Anime
August 29-31
Sacramento Convention Center
Sacramento, CA
www.sacanime.com

Dragon Con
August 29 - September 1
Atlanta Marriott Marquis, Hyatt Regency Atlanta, Atlanta Hilton, Sheraton Atlanta, Westin Peachtree Plaza, Atlanta, GA
www.dragoncon.org

Kumoricon
August 29 - September 1
Hilton Vancouver Washington/ Red Lion Vancouver at the Quay
Vancouver, WA
www.kumoicon.org

Saboten-Con
August 29 - September 1
Renaissance Glendale
Glendale, AZ
www.sabotencon.com

CamCon
August 30
The Junction, Cambridge, UK
www.thecamcon.com

Cosplay America
August 30-31
Embassy Suites Raleigh - Durham/Research Triangle
Cary, NC
www.cosplayamerica.com

Alcon
September 4-7
De Montfort University
Leicester, UK
www.alcon.org.uk

Amelia Con
September 5-7
Fernandina Beach Recreation Center/Days Inn & Suites
Amelia Island At The Beach
Fernandina Beach, FL
www.ameliacon.com

Midoricon
September 5-7
Maumee Bay Lodge and Conference Center
Oregon, OH
www.midoricon.com

UmiCon Daytona
September 5-7
The Plaza Resort & Spa
Daytona Beach, FL
www.umicondaytona.com

Kantaicon
September 6
USS Yorktown CV-10
Mt Pleasant, SC
www.kantaicon.com

Nashville Anime Day
September 6
Clarion Inn & Suites
Murfreesboro, TN
www.nashville.animeday.net

Sukoshi Con: Bowling Green
September 6
Holiday Inn University Plaza - Bowling Green
Bowling Green, KY
www.sukoshicon.com/bowling-green_news.html

Nan Desu Kan
September 12-14
Denver Marriott Tech Center
Denver, CO
www.ndkdenver.org

J1-Con
September 14
First District Plaza
Philadelphia, PA
www.j1con.com

J-Con
September 19-20
The Riverside Centre, Derby, UK
www.j-con.co.uk

AniMatsuri
September 19-21
Tartu Tamme Gümnaasium
Tartu, Tartumaa, Estonia
www.animatsuri.anime.ee

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CampAnime
September 19-21
Camp Woodstock
Woodstock Valley, CT
www.campanime.com

Mythicon
September 19-21
DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando at SeaWorld, Orlando, FL
www.mythicconventions.com/control.cfm

Ramencon
September 19-21
Radisson Hotel at Star Plaza
Merrillville, IN
www.ramencon.com

Anime Fargo
September 26-28
Best Western Fargo Doublewood Inn, Fargo, ND
www.animefargo.org

Anime Weekend Atlanta
September 26-28
Renaissance Waverly Hotel & Cobb Galleria Centre
Atlanta, GA
www.awa-con.com

Animaga Expo
September 27-28
Royal Exhibition Building
Carlton, VIC Australia
www.animaga.com.au

Retro Con
September 27-28
Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Oaks, PA
retrocons.com

Senshi-Con
September 27-28
William A. Egan Civic & Convention Center
Anchorage, AK
www.senshicon.com

Convention Schedule

Summer 2014 *Continued*

Unplugged Expo
September 27-28
University of Toronto, Chestnut Conference Centre
Toronto, Ontario
www.unpluggedexpo.com

Anime USA
October 3-5
Washington Marriott Wardman Park, Washington, DC
www.animeusa.org

Kentokyocon
October 3-5
Clarion Hotel Lexington
Lexington, KY
kentokyocon.com

Mizucon
October 3-5
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Miami Airport & Convention Center, Miami, FL
www.mizucon.com

Realms Con
October 3-5
AmericanBank Center
Corpus Christi, TX
www.realmscon.com

Tomodachi Fest
October 3-5
Boise Hotel and Conference Center, Boise, ID
www.tomodachifest.com

NyanCon
October 4
Lakeland Community College
Kirtland, OH
www.nyancon.org

Kraken Con
October 4-5
Oakland Convention Center
Oakland, CA
www.krakencon.com

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Lucien Dodge: Jafar in Magi, Blue in Pokemon Origins

Patricia Albrecht: Pizzazz in Jem and the Holograms

Martin Billany "Little Kuriboh": YuGiOh! Abridged Series

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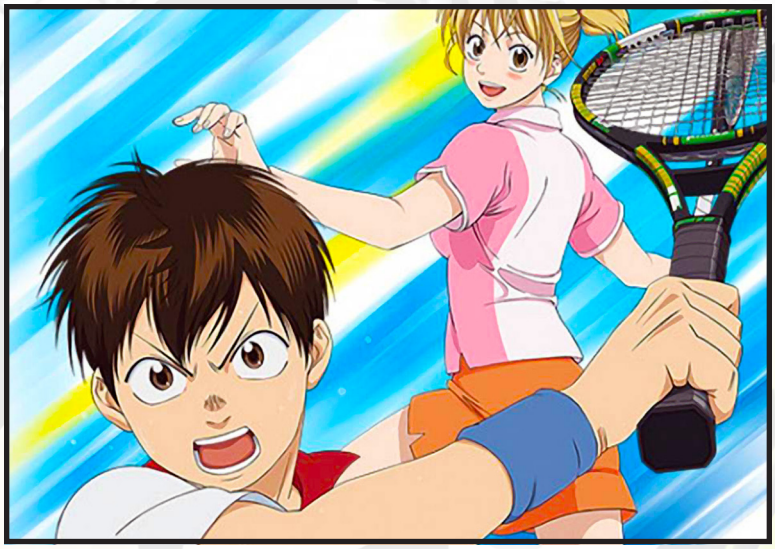
Newly Released Sport Anime of 2014

It has been a while since a sport anime was out. The last sport anime that I have seen was *Hajime No Ippo: Rising* which is a great boxing anime. After waiting for another excititng anime to watch, there are three new sports anime: *Baby Steps*, *Haikyū!!*, and *Ping Pong: The Animation*. These have been released around the same time of April 2014 and all three animes take place during high school. So get ready for high school drama and exciting sports action. ❖ Yukimura Seiichi



Baby Steps

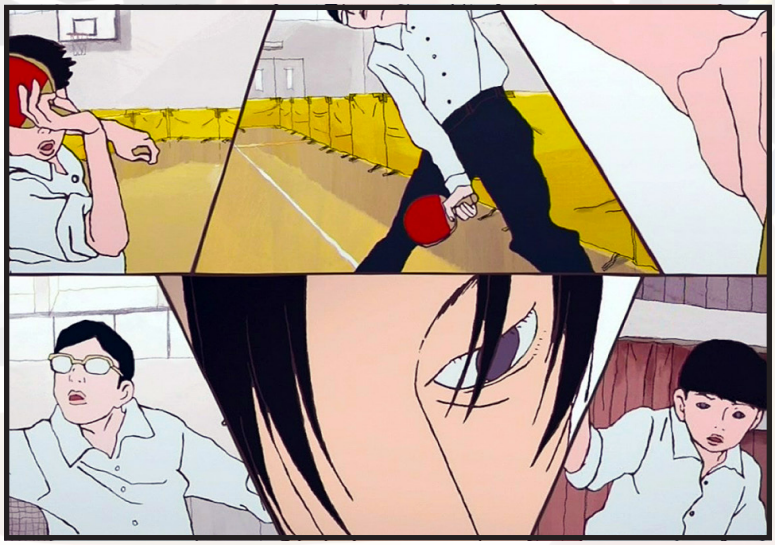
Marou Eiichirō, a student who is recognized by his classmates as the top student every year. In order for Marou to get good grades, he is constantly reviewing his notes for hours and becomes a perfectionist. He is disappointed by how he is day to day and wanted change. So he looks towards doing sports because he lacked exercise. Marou then finds a flyer for free tennis lessons and decides to try it out.

One day, a girl named Takasaki Natsu asked for notes for a subject and gets it from Marou. Marou was taken by Takasaki, because she is very popular and gets a good vibe from her. Marou finds out that Takasaki is into tennis and he himself does not even have a hobby. After learning where she trains for tennis, it is the same place as the flyer ad, that he decides to try out tennis.

Haikyū!!

Hinata Shōyō, a student who fell in love with volleyball after watching a championship match on television. With Hinata's short stature, he wants to be the "Ace" of a volleyball team and follow in the footsteps of the "Small Giant" from the championship match. Hinata starts a boys volleyball club in middle school but he was the only member. By the time Hinata got a full team, they entered a tournament and lose in the first round against Tobio Kageyama.

Tobio Kageyama is the "Ace" of his team and called the "King of the Court" due to being the official Setter and his bad attitude with his teammates. While Hinata still suffering from the horrible reality of facing Tobio, he vows to get better and beat Tobio. When Hinata starts at Kurasuno High School, he tries to join the school volleyball team. As soon as he enters the gym to his surprise his hated rival Tobio is there as well.



Ping Pong: The Animation

Long time friends Peco and Smile are the top two players in their ping pong club. They both have great talent for the sport but Smile lacks the will to win and loses to Peco. Smile is a quiet player with no sportsmanship while Peco is very confident and loud in his playing style that he likes to flash his skills. After the coach realizes that Smile has the talent to play, he starts to take interest to bring out Smile's true ability and to change his attitude about ping pong.

With summer coming up, this is one of the best times to start watching. Take your pick from any of these three or watch them all. The characters and sports are very fun to watch. It makes me reminisce when I played sports and how I began playing. If anyone person who likes sports anime, you got three good animes to pick from and enjoy the summer.

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Anime Schedule
2014 Summer Season

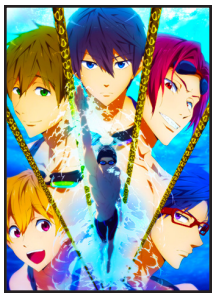
Bakumatsu Rock

幕末Rock

Studio Deen • July 2 • Tokyo MX

bakumatsu.maql.co.jp/anime/ • youtu.be/EKlQ36GjiHg

The anime story revolves around passionate rockstar-hopeful Ryōma Sakamoto. Set in the Bakumatsu era of feudal Japan, is loosely based off historical events. In this alternate Japan, the government rules by the strong influence of top idols, the "Shinsengumi," consisting of Toshizō Hijikata and Sōji Okita. Leading the anti-Shogunate movement are rockers Shinsaku Takasugi and Kogorō Kats ura, who believe in spreading rock music to overcome the music propaganda of the government.



Free! -Eternal Summer-

Kyoto Animation • July 2 • ABC

iwatobi-sc.com/ • youtu.be/TbdiJX9v0CI

About a boy, Haruka Nanase, who has always loved to be immersed in water and to swim in it. Before graduating from elementary school, he participated in a swimming tournament along with his fellow swimming club members, Makoto Tachibana, Nagisa Hazuki and Rin Matsuoka. Afterward, Nagisa suggests creating a swimming club and using the run-down outdoor pool. They create the Iwatobi High School Swimming Club and work together to make the club a success. Second season.

Art by torakun14-d6mncca

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Anime Schedule 2014 Summer

Glasslip

グラスリップ

P.A.Works • July 3 • Tokyo MX

glasslip.jp/ • youtu.be/sTY1pAAGQ28

Third-year high school students, Tōko Fukami, daughter of a glassmaker, and her friend, whoses family runs a cafe called Kazemichi. It's a place of relaxation for her and her friends when meet transfer student Kakeru Okikura who talks about how he can hear voices from the future. If you could know the future, what would you want to see? Tōko has never felt so excited before. She realizes that feelings she can't ignore have formed in her heart.

Futsū no Joshikōsei ga [Locodol] Yattemita (Normal High School Girls Tried Being Local Idols)

普通の女子校生が【ろこどる】やってみた。

feel. • July 3 • TBS/BS-TBS

www.tbs.co.jp/anime/locodol/ • www.dailymotion.com/video/x1qtdwz

The story about high school girls, Nanako and Yukari, ending up the town's local idols (locodol). They soon learn that their new idol lifestyle is less than stellar as they are only be interviewed by the town's shopping center, appear on low-budget cable television and perform concerts on top of the roof of department stores. The girls' salaries come from the town's taxes.

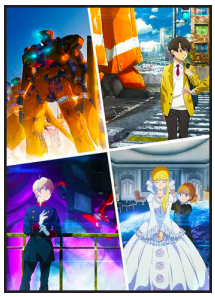
Tōkyō Kushu (Tōkyō Ghoul)

東京喰種

Studio Pierrot • July 3 • Tokyo MX

www.maql.co.jp/special/tokyoghoul/ • youtu.be/1O4b5psUJJg

The story follows Ken Kaneki, a young man who receives organ donations from a 'Ghoul' after he is nearly killed. Ghouls are creatures that look human but need to eat human flesh to survive. Ken soon realizes he is now half-human and half-ghoul.



Aldnoah.Zero

アルドノア・ゼロ

A-1 Pictures, TOROYCA • July 5 • Tokyo MX

www.aldnoahzero.com/ • youtu.be/ZXTol2NCEFY

New mecha anime set on the planet Mars, originally by Gen Urobuchi. In 1972, a hypergate was discovered on the surface of the moon. However, war breaks between humans on Earth and those who immigrated to Mars. The story centers around Inaho Kaizuka who is anything but passionate and he operates on logic rather than emotions.

Barakamon

ばらかもん

Kinema Citrus • July 5 • Nippon TV

www.barakamon.jp/ • www.dailymotion.com/video/x1tv1da

On a quest to discover why a famous curator critiqued his calligraphy as 'rigid and bland,' Seishū Handa forced to continue his work while living on a remote island, off the western coast of Kyūshū. He's surprised by his wacky new neighbors and their odd habits–people traveling around on tractors, unwanted visitors who never use the front door, annoying kids using his home as a base…the list of grievances grows by the minute. Can a city guy really adapt to an easy-going island life?

Season *Continued*

Puri Para

プリパラ

Tatsunoko Production; Dongwo • July 5 • TV Tokyo

www.tv-tokyo.co.jp/anime/pripara/

Set in the Puri-Para world, filled with girls' dreams and yearnings for fashion, dance,and music. Seemingly every day, there are auditions that send top idols to worldwide fame on television and online. Laala and her friends are all fascinated with this world. However, Laala's school prohibits Puri-Para for elementary school children. An unexpected chance leads Laala to make her first entrance into the world of Puri-Para where she just might make her debut.

Shin Strange+

真 ストレンジ・プラス

Seven • July 5 • AT-X

www.dreamcreation.co.jp/stpl2/ • youtu.be/yhNg2SExfh0

Kō comes to a slum neighborhood in search of his elder brother Takumi and finds him to have become the head of a private detective firm. Kō is drafted by Takumi to do errands and chores in the detective firm, and they come to meet various interesting people. Second season.

Shōnen Hollywood: Holly Stage for 49

少年ハリウッド-HOLLY STAGE FOR 49-

Zexcs • July 5 • Tokyo MX

www.starchild.co.jp/special/shonen-hollywood-anime/ • youtu.be/dzBKlxiSYvA

It takes place at a fictional theater called Hollywood Tōkyō in Harajuku, where members of the idol group Shōnen Hollywood develop their talents with diligent work and studying. The cast members are Kakeru Kazama, Kira Saeki, Ikuma Amaki, Daiki Tomii and Shun Maiyama

Sword Art Online II

ソードアート・オンラインII

A-1 Pictures • July 5 • Tokyo MX

www.swordart-online.net/ • youtu.be/yRmYC8UGcU4

Kirito wanders in an unfamiliar virtual world in order to gain any clues about the 'Death Gun.' Then, a female sniper named Sinon, who owns a gigantic 'Hecate II' rifle, extends Kirito a helping hand. With Sinon's help, Kirito decides to enter the 'Bullet of Bullets,' a large tournament to choose the most powerful gunner within the realm of Gun Gale Online [Arc], in hopes to become the target of the 'Death Gun' and make direct contact with the mysterious avatar.

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Anime Schedule 2014 Summer

Akame ga Kill! (Akame Slashes!)

アカメが斬る!

White Fox • July 6 • Tokyo MX

akame.tv • youtu.be/8fLXeRFBL3o

Tatsumi is a fighter who sets off to the Capital in search of a way to make money. After falling victim to a robbery by a woman and losing all his money, Tatsumi is taken in by a noble aristocratic girl, Aria. In the following night, Aria's place is attacked by a group of assassins known as Night Raid. While Tatsumi at first tries to defend Aria from the assassin Akame, another member of the group stops the fight. She reveals that Aria has kidnapped several villagers and tortures them for fun.

Francesca: Girls Be Ambitious

フランチェスカ

July 6 • UHB

www.heart-bit.com/francesca/ • youtu.be/47LqmGnT_38

The story of how Francesca (based on the undead idol character to promote Hokkaidō) awakens to help the little girl exorcist protect the island of Hokkaidō from Toshizō Hijikata and the rest of the Shinsengumi. Francesca is a zombie girl with a big appetite, and her favorite foods are dishes from Hokkaidō. Although she can separate her body parts from each other, she is very clumsy, so she often puts them back in the wrong places.

Gekkan Shōjo Nozaki-kun

月刊少女野崎くん

Doga Kobo • July 6 • TV Tokyo

nozakikun.tv/ • youtu.be/HlEuSVbu3Pw

High school student Chiyo Sakura has a crush on schoolmate Umetarō Nozaki, but when she confesses her love to him, he mistakes her for a fan and gives her an autograph. When she says that she always wants to be with him, he invites her to his house, but has her help on some drawings. Chiyo discovers that Nozaki is actually a renowned shōjo manga artist named Sakiko Yumeno and agrees to be his assistant.

Jinsei (La Bonne Vie)

人生

feel. • July 6 • Tokyo MX

www.vap.co.jp/jinsei/

Yūki Akamatsu, who is in the Kyūmon Gakuen Second News Club, is asked to become the counselor of the club immediately after joining the club by Ayaka Nikaidō, the club leader. Three girls currently give advice to issues sent in by the students: Rino Endō from the science stream, Fumi Kujō from the literary stream and Ikumi Suzuki from the sports stream. However, the three always have different opinions and cannot get their views to agree, so they just try things out anyway.

Sabagebu! (Survival Game Club)

さばげぶっ!

Studio Pierrot • July 6 • Tokyo MX

sabagebu.com/ • youtu.be/oaw-scjcsMs

On Momoka Sonokawa's first day of school, she is groped in transit. To her surprise, a girl nearby pulls a gun on the man who grabbed her butt! That incident marks Momoka's first encounter with her new high school's survival game club. Before long, Momoka finds herself reluctantly pushed into joining the club. The leader, Miō Ōtori, is really enthusiastic about her survival skills and is also surprisingly popular with the girls in the school.

Season *Continued*

Space☆Dandy 2nd Season

スペース☆ダンディ 第2シリーズ

Bones • July 6 • Tokyo MX

space-dandy.com/top.html • youtu.be/F5c8-4jo87U

This dreamy adventurer with a to-die-for pompadour travels across the galaxy in search of aliens no one has ever laid eyes on. Each new species he discovers earns him a hefty reward, but this dandy has to be quick on his feet because it's first come, first served! Accompanied by his sidekicks, a rundown robot named QT and Meow the cat-looking space alien, Dandy bravely explores unknown worlds inhabited by a variety of aliens. Second season.

Ao Haru Ride (Blue Spring Ride)

アオハライド

Production I.G • July 7 • Tokyo MX

aoha-anime.com/ • youtu.be/U0mrFMj3wLQ

Futaba Yoshioka has reasons she wants to 'reset' her image and life. Because she was ostracized by her friends in junior high, she couldn't get her feeling across to the one boy she has always liked, Kō Tanaka. Now in high school, is determined to be as unladylike, she meets Kō again, but as Kō Mabuchi. He tells her that he felt the same way as she did when they were younger but cannot go back. Will Futaba be able to continue her love that never even started from three years ago?

Hanayamata

ハナヤマタ

Madhouse • July 7 • TV Tokyo

hanayamata.com/ • youtu.be/T5X1blJm8tA

Naru Sekiya is an ordinary 14-year old girl who likes fairy tales, but is worried about her lack of other interests. She has a chance encounter with a 'fairy,' a foreign girl practicing dance at night. On a spur of the moment, Naru asks to join her, and she is introduced to the world of yosakoi dancing.

Himegoto

ひめゴト

Asahi Production • July 7 • BS11

www.himegoto-tv.jp/

About Hime Arikawa, a second-year student at Shimoshina High School, is forced to assume a large amount of debt from by his now-absent parents, Hime is saved by the three girls of his school's student council after he is chased down by debt collectors. In return for paying off his debt, Hime agrees to their conditions of becoming the student council's 'dog' and spending his high school life dressed as a girl.

Re:_Hamatora

RE:_ハマトラ

NAZ, Lerche • July 7 • TV Tokyo

hamatorapj.com/ • youtu.be/sx51XAIOdsI

Partners Nice and Murasaki form a detective agency called 'Hamatora' in Yokohama in 2014–but their 'office' is a table at Cafe Nowhere where they and their friends wait for clients. An old acquaintance of theirs, a cop named Art, hires them for a serial murder case he is investigating, and they discover that the murder victims are all 'Minimum Holders.' As Minimum Holders themselves, Nice and Murasaki are drawn into this case, whether they like it or not. Second season.

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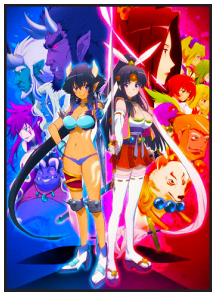
Yami Shibai 2nd Season (Yamishibai: Japanese Ghost Stories 2nd Season)

闇芝居2

ILCA • July 7 • TV Tokyo

www.tv-tokyo.co.jp/anime/yamishibai/index2.html

Every week at 5 p.m. an old man shows up at a children's playground and tells them ghost stories based on myths and urban legends]of Japanese origin. The man tells the stories on the back of his bicycle using a traditional kamishibai method and features a new tale each week. Second season.



Momo Kyun Sword

モモキュンソード

Tri-Slash, Project No.9 • July 8 • Tokyo MX

momokyun.com/ • youtu.be/AFwvCBqPblk

Momoko is a beautiful young sword fighter who was born inside a peach ('momo' in Japanese). She lives with her constant companions—the dog god Inugami, the monkey god Sarugami, and the pheasant god Kijigami—in a peaceful paradise. However, a demon army led by devil king invades the paradise and steals the precious treasure that protects Momoko's land. To retrieve the treasure and save the people, Momoko embarks on a great adventure with her three companions.

Fate/kaleid liner Prisma☆Illya 2wei!

Fate/kaleid liner プリズマ☆イリヤ ツヴァイ！

Silver Link • July 9 • Tokyo MX

anime.prisma-illya.jp/ • youtu.be/6lITF0YNzkY

Spin-off to the Fate/stay night franchise, and features Illya as the main character. Illya is living an alternate life as a school girl. However, she is chosen by the Magical Stick Ruby and is involved in a quarrel between Rin and Luvia. Second season.

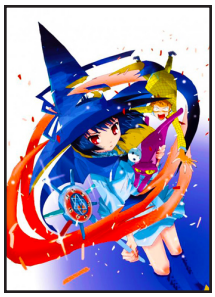
Love Stage!!

ラブ・ステージ！！

J.C.Staff • July 9 • Tokyo MX

lovestage-tv.jp/ • youtu.be/RrFOU4FYWkM

Izumi Sena an otaku college student is the only dull one born into this super famous and talented family. He loves *Magical Girl LalaLulu* and is working hard to become a mangaka (comic book artist), but one day he winds up appearing in a TV commercial he just can turn down. There, he's reunited with Ryōma Ichijō, the super-popular young actor he co-starred with on a project ten years prior.



Majimoji Rurumo

まじもじるるも

J.C.Staff • July 9 • Tokyo MX

anime-rurumo.com/

Shibaki is a high-school boy whose only interest is girls. He's been branded as a pervert at school and the girls avoid him. One day he happens to find a book in the library about how to summon witches. He tries it as a joke, but it turns out to be the real thing. An apprentice witch named Rurumo grants his foolish wish for a high price. Shibaki ends up helping Rurumo and in return she refuses to take his soul. Doing so, Rurumo loses her position and puts her own life on the line.

Season *Continued*

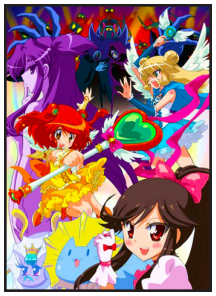
Yama no Susume: 2nd (Encouragement of Climb 2nd)

ヤマノススメ セカンドシーズン

eight bit • July 9 • Tokyo MX

www.yamanosusume.com/ • youtu.be/QiYxiMsroQY

Aoi and Hinata are childhood friends. Aoi prefers staying indoors and is afraid of heights, whereas Hinata is outgoing and loves mountaineering. They both decide to climb a mountain, in order to see a sunrise they saw together when they were younger. The second season.



Ai Mai Mi ~Mōsō Catastrophe~ (Ai Mai Mi ~Delusion Catastrophe~)

あいまいみ～妄想カタストロフ～

Seven • July 10 • Teletama

www.dreamcreation.co.jp/aimaimi/

The story is set in 1955 in a town in southwestern Japan, where a nine-year-old girl named Shinko has an ancient family connection to a thousand-year-old province known as Suō. Shinko joins Kiiko, a new transfer student from her school, on a magical adventure. Second season and prequel story.

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Kuroshitsuji: Book of Circus (Black Butler: Book of Circus)

黒執事 Book of Circus

A-1 Pictures • July 10 • MBS

www.kuroshitsuji.tv/ • youtu.be/KPHFPdu1fr0

The series follows Ciel Phantomhive, the twelve-year-old (later thirteen-year-old) head of the Phantomhive noble family and the business-savvy owner of the Funtom company, a toy manufacturer. Ciel has formed a demonic contract with Sebastian Michaelis. In return, when Sebastian has helped Ciel finish all of his tasks, including avenging his parents' deaths, Sebastian will be allowed to consume Ciel's soul. It will adapt the Kuroshitsuji manga arc Noah's Ark Circus.

Persona 4: The Golden Animation

ペルソナ4 ザ・ゴールデン

A-1 Pictures • July 10 • MBS

www.p4ga.jp/ • youtu.be/blH4qNm3GwA

The story follows the teenager Yū Narukami who moves to Inaba to live with his uncle, officer Dōjima and his cousin, Nanako, due to his parents working abroad. At his new school, Yasogami High, he befriends two students: Yōsuke Hanamura and Chie Satonaka. Chie tells them a famous rumor involving the Midnight Channel, which happens on every television during midnight. *Golden*, the series retells the events of the first series whilst also featuring an additional character, Marie.

Zankyō no Terror (Terror in Resonance)

残響のテロル

MAPPA • July 10 • Fuji TV

terror-in-tokyo.com/ • youtu.be/6FlvOXuT5WU

In an alternate Tōkyō, was decimated by a shocking terrorist attack. The only hint to the identity of the culprit is a bizarre video uploaded to the internet. While the world searches for a criminal mastermind to blame for this tragedy, two mysterious children masterfully carry out their heinous plan. Cursed to walk through this world with the names Nine and Twelve, the two combine to form 'Sphinx,' a clandestine entity determine to wake the people from their slumber.

Season *Continued*

Rokujōma no Shinryakusha!? (Invaders of the Six-Tatami Mat Room!?)

六畳間の侵略者!?

Silver Link • July 11 • Tokyo MX

corona106.tv/ • youtu.be/zTj7xPfMjZE

Due to his family's financial circumstances, young Kōtarō is forced to live in a small apartment on a budget of ¥5000 a month. On the plus side, he lives rent free, but on the minus side, that's because room is cursed. The ghost is a cute young girl and hijinks ensue when she tries to drive him out. Between the haunting, Kōtarō's nosy neighbors and a self-styled magical girls flying to the unneeded rescue, there's way too much for the impoverished young man to handle.

Nobunaga Kyōsōkyoku (Nobunaga Concerto)

信長協奏曲

Fuji TV • July 11 • Fuji TV

www.fujitv.co.jp/nobunaga-concerto-anime/

History classes have never interested Saburo. But when he falls off a wall, he travels through a wormhole and ends up in 16th century Japan. He meets a very young Oda Nobunaga, of Japanese history, who turns out to be identical in appearance as Saburo. The real Nobunaga, sick of the castle life and wanting to travel, orders Saburo to take his place. Without knowing how to get back to his time, Saburo tries to make sure history isn't rewritten for the infamous Oda Nobunaga.

Tōkyō ESP

東京ESP

Xebec • July 11 • Tokyo MX

www.tokyo-esp.org/

Rinka Urushiba was a fairly normal high school girl. Then one day, she saw a penguin and some glowing fish swimming through the sky. Contact with a fish caused her to pass out, and when she awoke, she had developed the power to move through inanimate objects…such as the floor of her apartment! Later, a call from her father showed her that she was not the only one the flying fish bestowed with hard-to-control superpowers! What exactly is going on here?

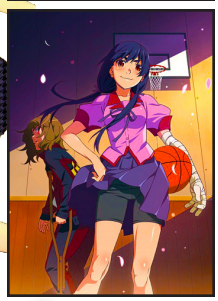
Seirei Tsukai no Kenbu [Blade Dance] (Spirit Elementalist's Blade Dance)

精霊使いの剣舞

TNK • July 14 • AT-X

www.bladedance.tv/ • youtu.be/fT_ru_wU2D8

Only a pure maiden can have the privilege to contract with a spirit. In Areishia Spirit Academy, trained maidens of noble families are gathered and given an elite's education to become spirit contractors. A boy, Kamito, peeped by accident at a girl, Clair, while she was taking a bath and he ended up making a contract with the spirit she wanted. Yes, Kamito is an irregular boy spirit contractor whose existence was thought impossible until now. What will Kamito's destiny lead to?



Hanamonogatari

花物語

Shaft • August 16 • Tokyo MX

www.monogatari-series.com/2ndseason/ • youtu.be/Oyhz5homVLU

The black swindler Kaiki Deishu, who once deceived Hitagi, returns to town and spreads the incantation which cursed Nadeko before. Koyomi's sisters Karen and Tsukihi try to capture Deishu but… Sequel to second season of *Monogatari* and is set after Koyomi Araragi graduates from high school. All five episodes are planned to be shown as a marathon on this day only.

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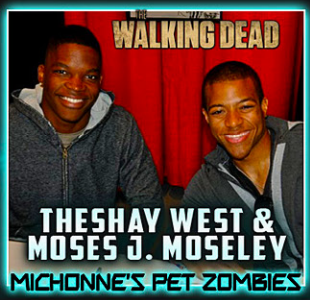

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MICHONNE'S PET ZOMBIES

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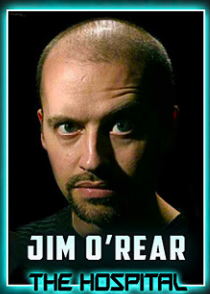

JIM O'REAR
THE HOSPITAL FAT CHANCE

CAST OF DEEP SOUTH PARANORMAL:

TO THE FUTURE . ORG
DELOREAN TIME MACHINE

ERIKA ELENIAK
BAYWATCH & E.T.

HEIDI JO MEDINA
MISS PENSACOLA USA

AZIM RIZK
POWER RANGERS MEGAFORCE

ROBIN SHELBY
GHOSTBUSTERS

MYST3RY, INC.
THE MYST3RY MACHINE

SONNY STRAIT
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SCOTT TEPPERMAN
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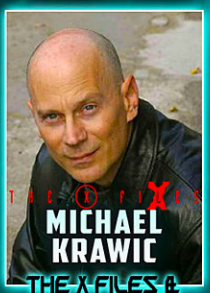

MICHAEL KRAWIC
THE X FILES & STAR TREK

SHADOW CLONE
GEEK PARTY

KARL C. RUHL
PENSACOLA COSTUMERS GUILD

WAYNE DAVIS
EMERALD COAST SPACE SOCIETY

WITH SPECIAL GUEST OF HONOR
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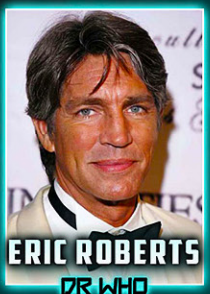

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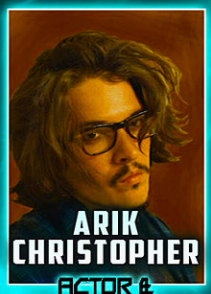

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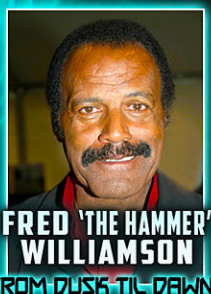
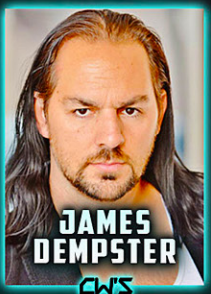


FRED 'THE HAMMER' WILLIAMSON
FROM DUSK TIL DAWN
PRO FOOTBALL STAR



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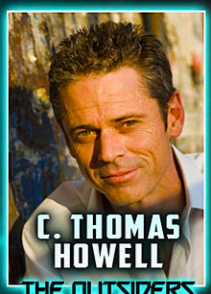

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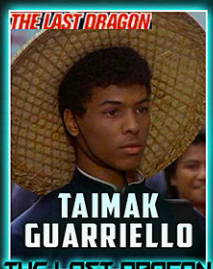

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THE LAST DRAGON

LOVE GUN (KISS TRIBUTE BAND)

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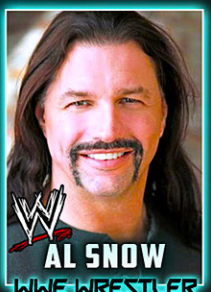

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Anime Character Information

Art by Duffyknight2005

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Ichigo 100%

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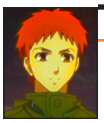

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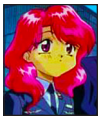

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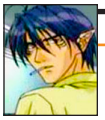

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Hokage the Fifth
Naruto

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Amatsume, Akira
Yosuga no Sora

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Princess Nine

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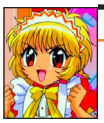

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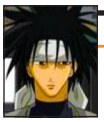

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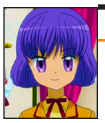

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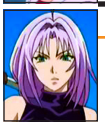

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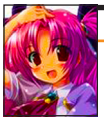

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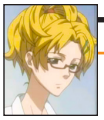

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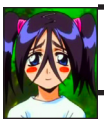

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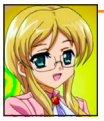

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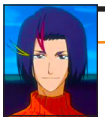

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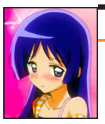

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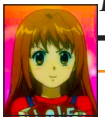

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Top Male Ranking†

1
Alladin
アラジン
Magi: The Labyrinth of Magic

2
Kirigaya, Kazuto
桐ヶ谷 和人
Sword Art Online

3
Kira Yamato
キラ・ヤマト
Kidō Senshi Gundam SEED

4
Ichijō, Raku
一条 楽
Nisekoi

5
Araragi, Koyomi
阿良々木 暦
Monogatari Series

6
Lelouch Lamperouge
ルルーシュ・ランペルージ
Code Geass: Hangyaku no Lelouch

7
Hōzuki
鬼灯
Hōzuki no Reitetsu

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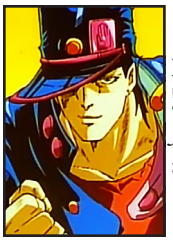

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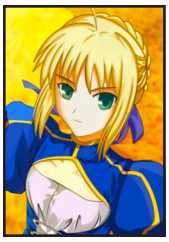

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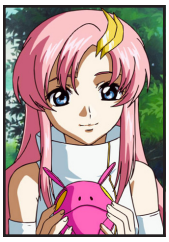

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ラクス・クライン
Kidō Senshi Gundam SEED

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Strike the Blood

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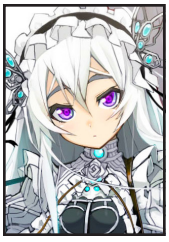
纏 流子
Kill la Kill



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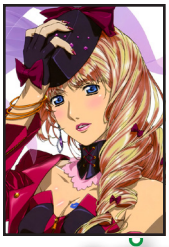

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Kirisaki, Chitoge
桐崎 千棘
Nisekoi

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top: Nana,
Takaya Satō (2-D-kun),
Mitsuo Yanagisawa,
Chinami Oka,
Nana Hayashida (Linda),
Kōko Kaga & Banri Tada

ゴールデンタイム
—GOLDEN TIME—

Golden Time is one of the best slice of life shows I've ever seen. So, this review might be a little biased. I love slice of shows because they give you an escape from everyday life, and let you see other people's more entertaining everyday lives. While that might sound boring in context, there is usually a twist in the story that's

supernatural/a character quirk/a character's dark past/an unrealistic setting/hell; possibly even a sister fetish (I'm looking at you *My Little Sister Can't Be This Cute*) that keeps the story fresh and interesting. *Golden Time* is unlike a lot of slice of life shows because it doesn't really rely on any specific plot quirk to tell its story, with little-to-no fan service, realistic character designs (okay maybe not the one pink-haired chick), realistic drama that isn't overtly melodramatic, and just in general unique characters that feel like real humans and don't rely on character tropes.

The plot for the show was really character-driven, and didn't necessarily revolve around the romance, as these shows tend to do. I'd say its half about watching these characters grow and develop, and half about the romance between Kōko and Banri, with a bit of comedy nicely inter-spliced in between. I loved the college setting as there aren't too many of those in anime, and it allowed for more mature characters than what you would see in a high school slice of life. The conflicts were also spread out evenly, with the viewer getting rewarded with stronger relationships or new revelations, only to be crushed when things go downhill again. The show is a roller coaster of emotions, but if you survive to the conclusion, it is immensely rewarding and everything you could have asked for since you started watching the series. My only real complaint about the plot was the supernatural aspect, which basically made Banri innocent for all his bad decisions. It would've been more interesting to see Banri genuinely make mistakes in his relationships, and then try to fix them.

Speaking of Banri, his amnesia and how he struggles with deciding who he wants to be makes for some great drama. He is also an extremely relatable character and you genuinely feel sorry for him and the situation he's been put in. Kōko, while hateable in the first few episodes of the series, also becomes relatable and you easily fall in love with her character after seeing that there is more to her than the pseudo-tsundere/overly-possessive person she appears to be

in the first few episodes. Linda was damn near-perfect in the first few episodes, but you learn that the reason she appears that way is because we are seeing the story through Banri's eyes. Even she has her faults and gets some great character development as well. Mitsuo, 2D-kun, Chinami and Nana don't get as much development, but thats okay because they have enough development to satisfy anyone whose interested in their characters, and I loved how Banri's relationships with them actually mattered and had an impact on the story.

The sound was great, with an opening and ending that are both beautifully animated that have you excited to watch a new episode, and sad to finish it. The animation was ON POINT! The studio that animated this probably didn't need to try too hard considering its a slice of life show, but man, everything about the animation was above average for its genre. The college setting itself, the portrayal of the seasons like winter, and summer, the cool aesthetic they'd have with the flashback scenes, and last, but not least, the character designs. I loved the character designs in this show. As a dressy gentleman myself, I'm a sucker for nice outfits on anime characters, and they nailed it here. With Kōko's intricate dresses, Banri's and 2D's more laidback outfits, Mitsuo's preppy style, Linda's girl-next-door look, Nana's punk-rocker look and Chinami's down-to-earth look with her denim overalls and whatnot, everyone really has their own aesthetic that matches their personality. It might not be a big deal for everyone, but it definetly made the show more enjoyable for me, as not a lot of detail goes into that in most slice of lives since they usually just have them in school uniforms.

You also get to see some cool stuff that high school slice of life shows shy away from—like casual conversation about sex, college parties, being put into awkward situations, the exploration of relationships, jealousy, commitment, selfishness and selflessness in relationships, dorm life and friendships. I thought that it was a breathe of fresh air and I wish the realism of this show was incorporated into other slice of life shows. It gave off a pseudo-Americanized feel because it didn't feel too censored or innocent, and the conversations were natural and relatable. If you're looking for a great slice of life that is a bit Americanized with unique, relatable characters, interesting sub-plots, a college backdrop, great animation, edge-of-your-seat drama and natural comedic moments that aren't forced, this is the show for you. (P.S. if you're a high school senior and you watch this show, its going to make you even more excited to be in college!) ❖ RedFire128

Golden Time
ゴールデンタイム
TV • October 3, 2013 – March 27, 2014
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golden-time.jp

Director: Kon, Chiaki
Music: Hashimoto, Yukari

Cast:
Tada, Banri = Furukawa, Makoto
Yanagisawa, Mitsuo = Ishikawa, Kaito
Kaga, Kōko = Horie, Yui
Hayashida, Nana = Kayano, Ai
Oka, Chinami = Kido, Ibuki
Satō, Takaya = Hikami, Takahiro
Nana = Satō, Satomi

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Director: Ishihara, Shinji
Writer: Nemoto, Toshizo
Music: Takanashi, Yasuharu

Cast:
Shiroe = Terashima, Takuma
Naotsugu = Maeno, Tomoaki
Akatsuki = Katō, Emiri
Nyanta = Nakata, Jōji
Tōya = Yamashita, Daiki
Minori = Tamura, Nao
Isuzu = Matsui, Eriko

Through the brave efforts of all players within the town of "Akihabara," with Shiroe leading at the forefront with his clan known as "Log Horizon," they must figure out the rules of this world in order of having the hopes of finding their way back to their own. However, everything is not as it was when Elder Tale was once a game and that is not their only problem.

STORY REVIEW AND IMPRESSIONS

Shiroe, our protagonist, arrives into the MMORPG world of "Elder Tale" and realizes that he is no longer at his PC and is flesh-and-blood in this new world. Shiroe and other "adventurers" recognize this day as "The Apocalypse," a day were over 30,000 Japanese players and many others worldwide were logged into Elder Tale and were transported inside of the game. Pretty soon he meets up with friends that he had in his party when he was merely a player and even those whom he had briefly helped out or aided when they needed him in-game. This anime focuses on his first days within this new world and how he copes with his new reality, along with everyone else.

The plot of this anime is already I have seen before with *Sword Art Online*; players unknowingly get trapped inside of a massively multiplayer online role-playing game and have no idea what happened to them. The big difference between *Sword Art Online* and *Log Horizon* within this effect is that the players themselves are trapped within the game and it becomes their actual reality and not that of a video game, this allows for variation and the path this anime chooses to take is an entirely different one than what we have seen before. In this anime (at least within this season) things are more focused on explaining how the world works and the difference between it as a reality and when Elder Tale was merely a game on the PC. The thing about those differences is that a few things works exactly like you would expect because they have not changed, other things still work the same but are able to be manipulated into greater detail beyond what was present in the game, or it has to be done within a different way to achieve results you would expect in the real world.

As I said in the paragraph above, the main weapon within *Log Horizon's* arsenal is its attention to detail. This anime explains everything from the way classes work, their specific abilities and focuses, to even what the guilds specialize in and how to make the most of this new, chaotic world through intense planning and preparation. Issues revolving around power, fear, and evil caused by lawlessness are addressed as it appears that the absence of an organized government is the cause of primary conflicts between characters. This anime does have action scenes where adventurers are fighting amongst themselves and creatures of the land, but do not expect them to be very abundant as most of the anime is spent talking and resolving issues while formulating an optimize way to see those plans trough.

However, it should be noted that the aegizing and teamwork that really feels like it came from the mind of those who

are very wise to the way that an RPG battle system works (and to survive within it). Each attack has start-up and cool downtimes, they talk about things like optimal range for certain special moves and class types, and whether a class is good for supporting, tanking, or even gathering information. Explaining the significance of classes inside of battle better helps everyone to know the vast importance when planning out attacks as well as to give an idea of all the roles present to the inhabitants of Elder Tale.

Quite honestly, the story did not have too many flaws because they explained everything out accordingly (though, the pacing sometimes suffered because of this and it felt slow) and gave subtle hints on things that they did not bother to go into detail about just yet, not to mention they setup plot twists very well (except for a certain NPC). This anime also leaves room perfectly for a season two with an agenda already intact, and let me point out that despite not revealing how, why, or exactly how they were brought into Elder Tale, they do explain an incident within their history and what could have contributed "The Apocalypse" (which is what they call the day when everyone got trapped inside the game).

I can only hope that things will be executed as well as within the first season.

CHARACTER IMPRESSIONS AND DEVELOPMENT

Another strong suit with this series is its characters, I feel a rather unique approach is taken that may not be noticed by those who watch it. Now, unlike a lot of other anime that have really over-the-top characters or characters that have depth added to them by way of a tragic past or loose ties to their family in which they are struggling to overcome (*Naruto*, *Evangelion*, *Kyōkai no Kanata*, etc.), most of the people within Log Horizon actually seem pretty normal, which is something that is not found within anime too often. What gives them depth are their reactions to other people and their reactions to certain situations. A lot can be said just by how people interact with others, their mannerisms and feelings (or lack of) can be easily pointed out due to this.

The growth within the characters are both personal and survival based. Some characters, such as Shiroe, take into account what is happening with the world and grows by learning more and more about how it works, the factories involved to contribute to its current state, and the best ways to go about handling things in a way that is beneficial to everyone. Some other characters grow themselves by having a better understanding of their personal role within a plan, organization, or status symbol. There are even some characters who learn independence of their own from following behind someone and figuring out the meaning of what it means to be strong without the aid of others. The many different characters each show maturity in one way or the other as time progresses forward, which is a major plus. On the other hand, I do not like how they did not show the progress of those who do not fit the protagonists role of being "good." At the very beginning of the anime a plan is devised to cleanse the town of everyone who is making the new world of Elder Tale miserable for everyone else, nothing is ever said about what becomes of these people and how they go about living their life without being able to access the functions of Akihabara.

Another small thing I want to express is the aesthetics that go along with the character designs. While everyone's class was spelled out perfectly with details and everyone is made interesting through the uniqueness of meaningful character interactions, everyone basically looks plain. Akatsuki is suppose to be super kawaii and she does not appear that way, Shiroe is suppose to look very cool as a White Mage and does not, and Crusty should be powerful looking but does not appear it...but I also suppose that is part of the charm which makes the character development unique in this anime. By unique, I mean that you learn to love and think a character is cool, cute, or powerful by what they display and the mannerisms in which they think and talk versus how they look or are drawn...makes them more memorable.

THE VERDICT

STRENGTHS - Very descriptive in their explanations of Elder Tale's world and class systems, good character depth, feels like a MMORPG world complete with alive NPCs, plot twists are NOT predictable, good setup for a season two.
WEAKNESSES - No "cool" character designs, not enough fighting/action scenes, pacing can feel a bit slow at times.

This anime went above and beyond my expectations, I was not at all thinking that I would get sucked into it as much as I did and now I am hopelessly awaiting the second season. I immediately thought I was not going to like it because the main character is a support class, a White Mage, and he is unusually tall for someone in anime and he has glasses. However, his wit proved to be the backbone of this anime and the thinking involved with many of the plots and schemes are very entertaining. Sure, it did not have as many actions scenes as I was expecting coming fresh from watching *Sword Art Online*, but the depth and explanation of its world and systems are beyond comparison (I still have no idea what "switching" meant in *SAO*).

Trust me when I say that you will not be wasting your time by watching *Log Horizon*. Good characters, deep explanations of systems and combat, and excellent character interactions makes for an entertaining anime that allows you to enjoy it while remembering that you do not need an abundant amount of fighting to cause intense and memorable moments. You are completely missing out if you do not take the time to see what this is all about, you are only cheating yourself out of a good anime. ❖ Rok the Reaper

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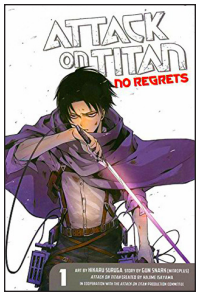

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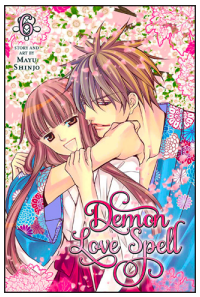

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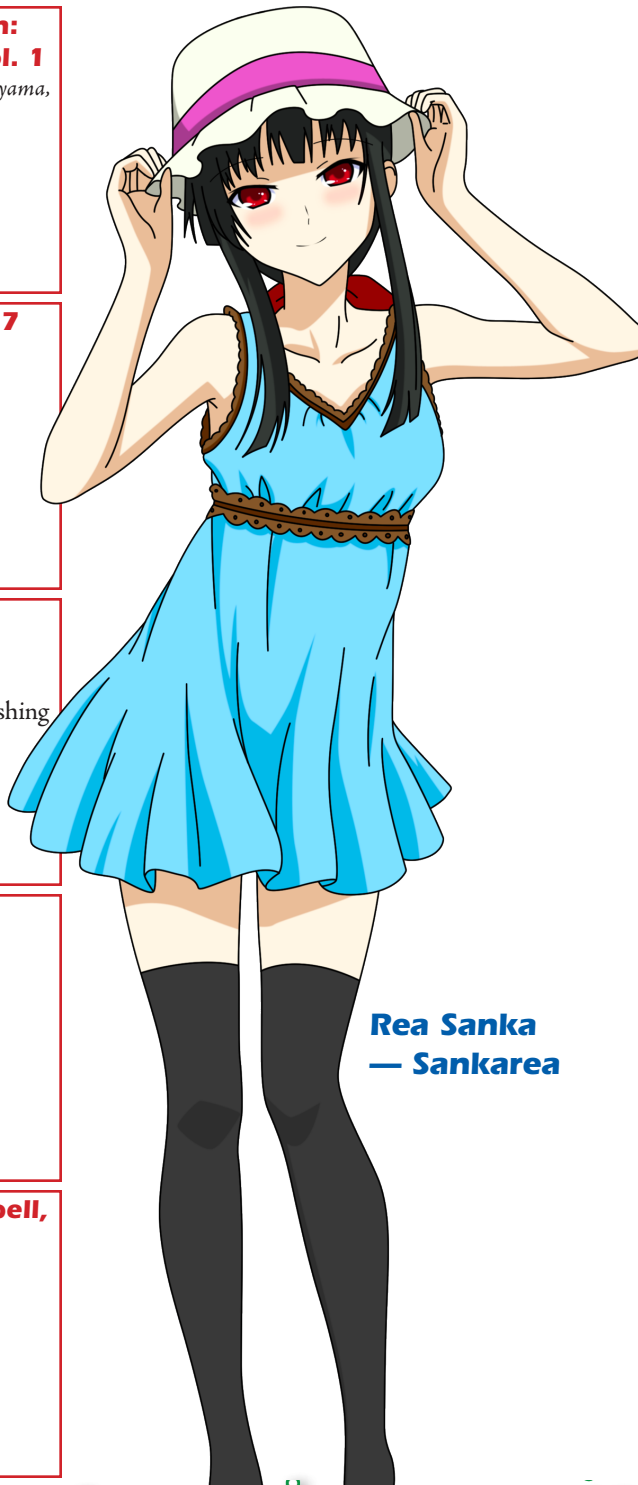

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Vertical, Inc.
July 1

Haganai: I Don't Have Many Friends - Now With 50% More Fail!
Chirō Kazahana, Shirabi
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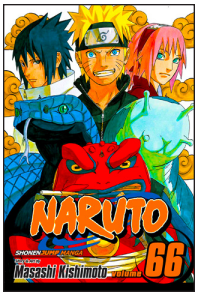

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Nisekoi: False Love, Vol. 4
Naoshi Komi
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Nyotai-ka!, Vol. 3††
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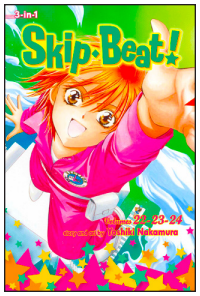

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Sweet Rein, Vol. 3
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July 1

The Hentai Prince and the Stony Cat, Vol. 2
Sō Sagara, Okomeken, Kantoku
Digital Manta Publishing
July 1

The Sacred Blacksmith, Vol. 5
Isao Miura, Kotaro Yamada
Seven Seas
Entertainment, LLC.
July 1

Yu-Gi-Oh! Zexal, Vol. 5
Shin Yoshida, Naohito Miyoshi
VIZ Media, LLC.
July 1

Fullmetal Alchemist (3-in-1 Edition), Vol. 8: Includes vols 22, 23 & 24
Hiromu Arakawa
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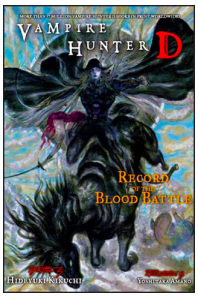

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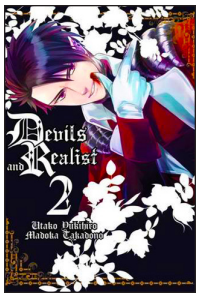

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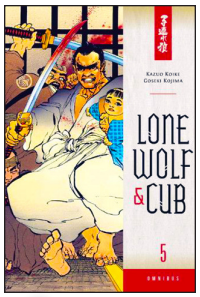

Lone Wolf and Cub Omnibus 5
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Dark Horse Books
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Monster, Vol. 1: The Perfect Edition
Naoki Urasawa
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July 15

Terra Formars, Vol. 1
Yū Sasuga, Ken'ichi Tachibana
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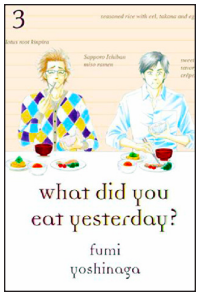

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World War Blue, Vol. 6
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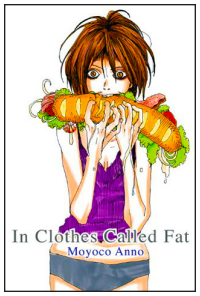

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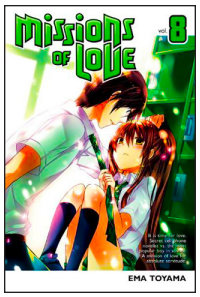

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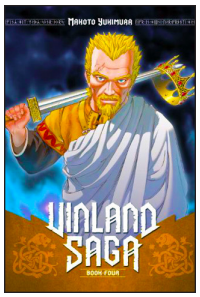

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Black Rose Alice, Vol. 1
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Bleach, Vol. 61
Tite Kubo
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D.Gray-man, Vol. 24
Katsura Hoshino
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Dragon Girl and Monkey King: The Art of Katsuya Terada
Katsuya Terada
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Dragonar Academy, Vol. 3
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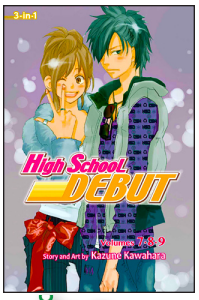

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Anda Sadanatsu, CUTEG
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Nura: Rise of the Yokai Clan, Vol. 22
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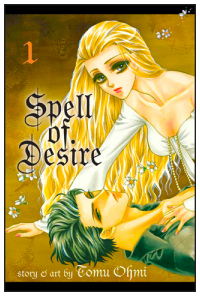

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Maki Minami
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Makoto Tateno
Digital Manga Publishing
August 12

Crimson Spell, Vol. 5†
Ayano Yamane
SuBLime Manga
August 12

Deadman Wonderland, Vol. 4
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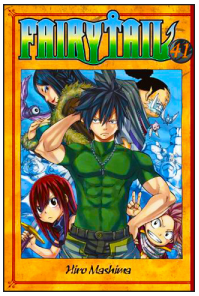

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Shinobu Ōtaka
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Hiro Mashima
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Happy, Erza Scarlet, Lucy Heartfilia, Natsu Dragneel & Gray Fullbuster — Fairy Tail

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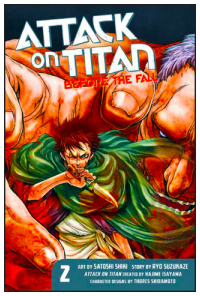

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Gangsta., Vol. 3
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Motoro Mase
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No. 6, Vol. 8
Atsuko Asano
Kodansha Comics
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Oh My Goddess!, Vol. 46
Kōsuke Fujishima
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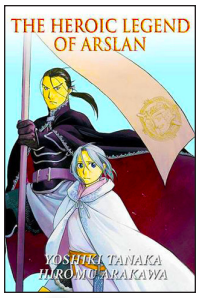

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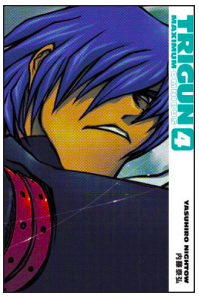

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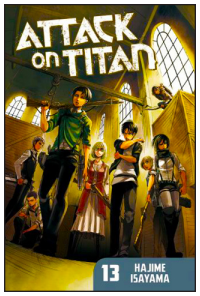

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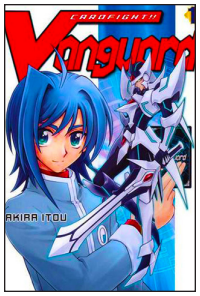

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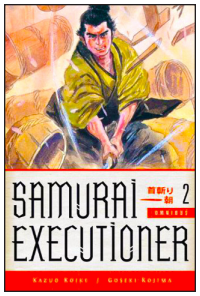

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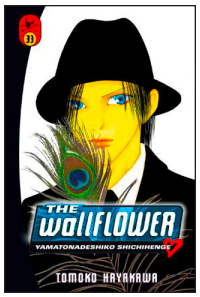

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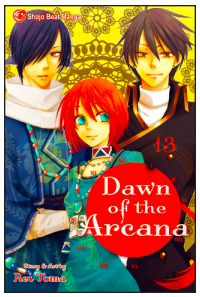

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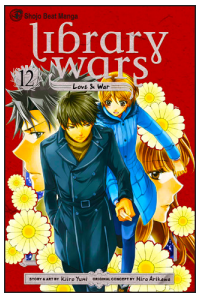

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Phantom Thief Jeanne, Vol. 4
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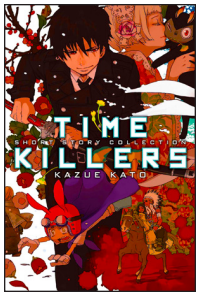

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Zero's Familiar Chevalier, Vol. 2
Noboru Yamaguchi, Yukari Higa
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Yuki Amemiya, Yukino Ichihara
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Seraph of the End, Vol. 2
Takaya Kagami, Daisuke Furuya, Yamato Yamamoto
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Fetishisms: Gone Wild††
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Ryōzō
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Hayate the Combat Butler, Vol. 24
Kenjirō Hata
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Suzuki Tanaka
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Jōji Manabe
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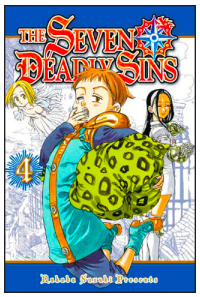

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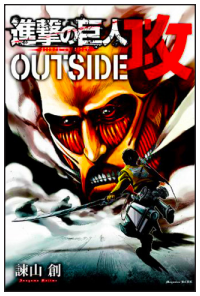

Attack on Titan Guidebook: INSIDE & OUTSIDE
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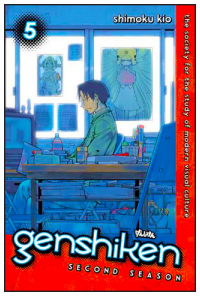

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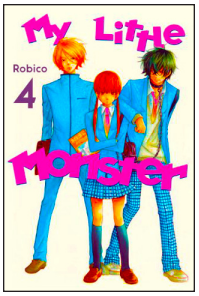

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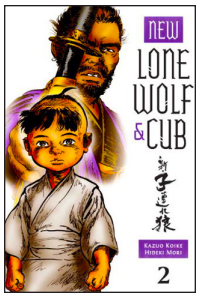

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Yū Sasuga, Ken'ichi Tachibana
VIZ Media, LLC.
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D-Frag, Vol. 2
Tomoya Haruno
Seven Seas Entertainment, LLC.
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Dance in the Vampire Bund: The Memories of Sledge Hammer, Vol. 3
Nozomu Tamaki
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Girls Und Panzer, Vol. 2
Girls Und Panzer Projekt, Ryōichi Saitaniya
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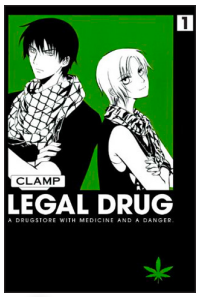

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Fantasista Doll
Shimeji, Akari, Madeleine, Katia & Sasara

Free!
Rei Ryūgazaki, Nagisa Hazuki, Rin Matsuoka, Haruka Nanase & Makoto Tachibana

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front: Barattack (Bara-tan), Gaiking (Gai-chan) & Grendizer (Grenda-san)

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ネプテューヌ
THE ANIMATION

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ON THE VERDUROUS PLANET

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WHEN I OPENED THE DOOR CALLED TRUTH, MY CHILDHOOD ENDED.
IT WAS A SUMMER I COULD NEVER FORGET.

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D-FRAGMENTS

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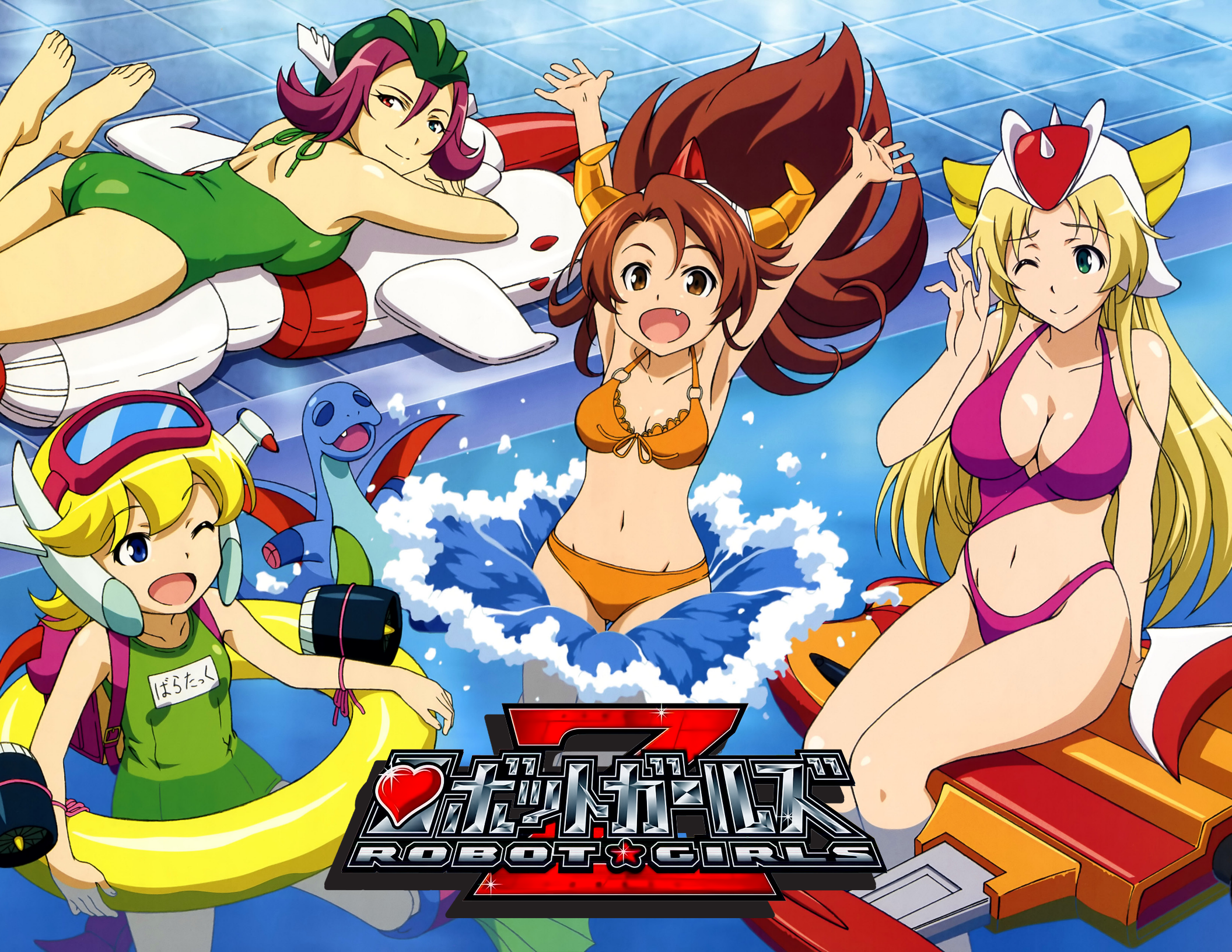
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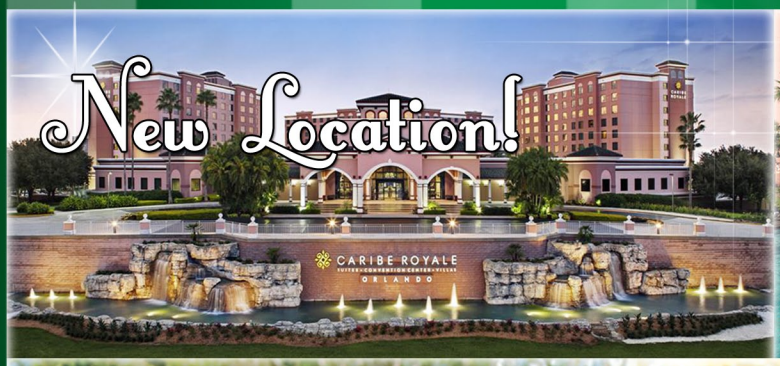

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June 24

-Nekomonogatari Black- Tsubasa Tiger Blu-ray Set (LE)
Aniplex of America
Blu-ray • $74.98 MSRP • Sub

Code:Breaker: Complete Collection
FUNimation
Blu-ray/DVD Combo • $64.98 MSRP

Code:Breaker: Complete Collection (LE)
FUNimation
Blu-ray/DVD Combo • $69.98 MSRP

DNA²: Complete Collection
Discotek Media
DVD • $39.95 MSRP

Dragon Ball Z: Season 5 Collection
FUNimation
Blu-ray • $44.98 MSRP

Ladies versus Butlers!: Complete Collection
Media Blasters
DVD • $39.98 MSRP

Ranma ½: LE Blu-ray Boxset 2
Viz Media
Blu-Ray • $54.97 MSRP

Ranma ½: Set 2
Viz Media
DVD • $44.82 MSRP

Ringing Bell
Discotek Media
DVD • $19.95 MSRP

Samurai Bride: Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
DVD • $59.98 MSRP

Samurai Bride: Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
Blu-ray • $69.98 MSRP

Sekai Saionji & Kotonoha Katsura — School Days

School Days: Complete Collection
Discotek Media
DVD • $44.95 MSRP • Sub

June 26

Star Blazers 2199, Vol. 3
Voyager Ent. USA
DVD • $34.99 MSRP • Sub

Star Blazers 2199, Vol. 3
Voyager Ent. USA
Blu-ray • $44.99 MSRP • Sub

July 1

A Certain Scientific Railgun S, Part 1
FUNimation
DVD • $59.98 MSRP

Cat's Eye: Season 1 Collection
TRSI/Nozomi Ent.
DVD • $59.99 MSRP • Sub

Devil Survivor 2 - The Animation: Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
DVD • $59.98 MSRP

Lost Universe: Complete Collection (Litebox)
TRSI/Nozomi Ent.
DVD • $29.99 MSRP

Photo Kano: Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
DVD • $49.98 MSRP • Sub

Shakugan no Shana: Season 2 Collection (S.A.V.E. Edition)
FUNimation
Blu-ray/DVD Combo • $34.98 MSRP

Toradora!: Complete Series Premium Edition
NIS America
Blu-ray/DVD Combo • $129.99 MSRP

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Upcoming Anime DVD/Blu-Ray

Summer 2014 *Continued*

Toradora!: Volume 1 Standard Edition
NIS America
Blu-ray/DVD Combo • $59.99 MSRP

Toradora!: Volume 2 Standard Edition
NIS America
Blu-ray/DVD Combo • $59.99 MSRP

Ami Kawashima, Taiga Aisaka & Minori Kushieda — Toradora!

Yuyushiki: Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
DVD • $49.98 MSRP • Sub

July 8

Ben-To: Complete Collection
FUNimation
DVD • $64.98 MSRP

Ben-To: Complete Collection
FUNimation
Blu-ray • $69.98 MSRP

Flowers of Evil: Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
DVD • $49.98 MSRP • Sub

Flowers of Evil: Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
Blu-ray • $59.98 MSRP • Sub

Naruto Shippuden: Set 19
Viz Media
DVD • $44.82 MSRP

Sasami-san@Ganbaranai: Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
DVD • $49.98 MSRP • Sub

July 15

anohana - The Flower We Saw That Day: The Movie
Aniplex of America
DVD • $39.98 MSRP • Sub

anohana - The Flower We Saw That Day: The Movie
Aniplex of America
Blu-ray • $49.98 MSRP • Sub

anohana - The Flower We Saw That Day: The Movie (LE)
Aniplex of America
Blu-ray/DVD Combo • $79.98 MSRP • Sub

Deadman Wonderland: Complete Collection (Anime Classics)
FUNimation
Blu-ray/DVD Combo • $34.98 MSRP

Fairy Tail, Part 11
FUNimation
Blu-ray/DVD Combo • $54.98 MSRP

Releases

Gurren Lagann the Movie Double Feature Collection
Aniplex of America
Blu-ray • $79.98 MSRP • Sub

KILL la KILL, Vol. 1
Aniplex of America
DVD • $39.98

KILL la KILL, Vol. 1
Aniplex of America
Blu-ray • $49.98

KILL la KILL, Vol. 1 (LE)
Aniplex of America
Blu-ray/DVD Combo • $74.98

Majestic Prince: Collection 1
Sentai Filmworks
DVD • $59.98 MSRP

Majestic Prince: Collection 1
Sentai Filmworks
Blu-ray • $69.98 MSRP

Mononoke: Complete Collection
Cinedigm
DVD • $19.95 MSRP • Sub

Prince Planet (Yusei Shonen Papi): The Series
TGG Direct
DVD • $29.99 MSRP • Dub

Puella Magi Madoka Magica the Movie Part 1 & 2 (LE)
Aniplex of America
Blu-ray/DVD Combo • $99.98

Puella Magi Madoka Magica the Movie Part 1: Beginnings
Aniplex of America
DVD • $39.98

Puella Magi Madoka Magica the Movie Part 2: Eternal
Aniplex of America
DVD • $39.98

Silver Spoon: Season 1 Collection
Aniplex of America
DVD • $74.98 MSRP • Sub

To Love Ru - Darkness (Season 3): Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
DVD • $49.98 MSRP • Sub

To Love Ru - Darkness (Season 3): Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
Blu-ray • $59.98 MSRP • Sub

Yu-Gi-Oh! Bonds Beyond Time
4K Media/Cinedigm
DVD • $9.95 MSRP

Yu-Gi-Oh! Bonds Beyond Time
4K Media/Cinedigm
Blu-ray • $14.95 MSRP

Yu-Gi-Oh!: The Complete Set
4K Media/Cinedigm
Blu-ray/DVD Combo • $229.64

July 22

Appleseed Alpha
Sony Pictures Home Entertainment
DVD • $26.99

Appleseed Alpha
Sony Pictures Home Entertainment
Blu-ray • $30.99

Hetalia - The Beautiful World: Season 5 Collection
FUNimation
DVD • $34.98 MSRP

Hetalia - The Beautiful World: Season 5 Collection (LE)
FUNimation
DVD • $39.98 MSRP

Izayoi Sakamaki & Yō Kasukabe — Problem Children are Coming from Another World, aren't they?

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Summer 2014 *Continued*

My Teen Romantic Comedy SNAFU: Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
DVD • $49.98 MSRP • Sub

The Devil is a Part-Timer!: Complete Collection
FUNimation
Blu-ray/DVD Combo • $64.98

The Devil is a Part-Timer!: Complete Collection (LE)
FUNimation
Blu-ray/DVD Combo • $69.98

The Severing Crime Edge: Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
DVD • $49.98 MSRP • Sub

The Severing Crime Edge: Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
Blu-ray • $59.98 MSRP • Sub

Yamibo - Darkness, the Hat, and the Travelers of the Books: Complete Collection
Media Blasters
DVD • $29.98 MSRP • Sub

July 29

Bleach Movies 1 & 2 Double Feature
Viz Meda
DVD • $14.98 MSRP

Dr. Slump Theatrical Films 1 - 5
Discotek Media
DVD • NA MSRP • Sub

Gatchaman Crowds: Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
DVD • $59.98 MSRP

Gatchaman Crowds: Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
Blu-ray • $69.98 MSRP

Monster Rancher: Season 2 Collection
Discotek Media
DVD • NA MSRP • Dub

Monster Rancher: Season 3 Collection
Discotek Media
DVD • NA MSRP • Dub

Problem children are coming from another world, aren't they?: Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
DVD • $59.98 MSRP

Problem children are coming from another world, aren't they?: Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
Blu-ray • $69.98 MSRP

Senran Kagura - Ninja Flash!: Complete Collection
FUNimation
Blu-ray/DVD Combo • $64.98

Senran Kagura - Ninja Flash!: Complete Collection (LE)
FUNimation
Blu-ray/DVD Combo • $69.98

Vampire Knight: Seasons 1 & 2 Collection
Viz Meda
DVD • $44.82 MSRP

August 5

Cardcaptor Sakura, Vol. 1 Standard Edition
Discotek Media
DVD • $59.99 MSRP

Cardcaptor Sakura, Vol. 2 Standard Edition
Discotek Media
DVD • $59.99 MSRP

Cardcaptor Sakura, Vol.3 Standard Edition
Discotek Media
DVD • $59.99 MSRP

Cardcaptor Sakura: Complete Series Premium Edition
Discotek Media
Blu-ray • $249.99 MSRP

Freezing: Season 1 Collection (Anime Classics)
FUNimation
Blu-ray/DVD Combo • $39.98

Love Lab: Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
DVD • $49.98 MSRP • Sub

Love Lab: Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
Blu-ray • $59.98 MSRP • Sub

Oreimo 2: Complete Collection (LE)
Aniplex of America
DVD • $99.98 MSRP • Sub

Sengoku Collection: Complete Collection
TRSI/Lucky Penny
DVD • $49.99 MSRP • Sub

SHORT PEACE
Sentai Filmworks
DVD • $24.98 MSRP

SHORT PEACE
Sentai Filmworks
Blu-ray • $29.98 MSRP

Releases

Transformers - Cybertron: Complete Collection
Hasbro/Shout! Factory
DVD • $44.99 MSRP • Dub

Yuyushiki: Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
Blu-ray • $59.98 MSRP • Sub

August 12

Beyblade: Season 1 Collection
Nirvana/Cinedigm
DVD • $69.95 MSRP • Dub

Beyblade: Season 1, Vol. 1
Nirvana/Cinedigm
DVD • $14.93 MSRP • Dub

Fantasista Doll: Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
DVD • $49.98 MSRP • Sub

Fantasista Doll: Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
Blu-ray • $59.98 MSRP • Sub

From the New World: Collection 2
Sentai Filmworks
Blu-ray • $69.98 MSRP

From the New World: Collection 2
Sentai Filmworks
DVD • $59.98 MSRP

Heaven's Lost Property Forte: Complete Collection (Anime Classics)
FUNimation
Blu-ray/DVD Combo • $39.98

A Certain Scientific Railgun S, Part 2
FUNimation
DVD • $59.98

Mayo Chiki!: Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
DVD • $59.98 • Bilingual

Mayo Chiki!: Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
Blu-ray • $69.98 MSRP

August 26

-Kabukimonogatari- Mayoi Jianshi Blu-ray Set (LE)
Aniplex of America
Blu-ray • $64.98 MSRP • Sub

Cardcaptor Sakura: The Movie
Discotek Media
DVD • $19.95

Cybersix: Complete Collection
Discotek Media
DVD • $39.95 MSRP • Dub

Fatal Fury: Complete OVA
Discotek Media
DVD • $24.95 MSRP

Fatal Fury: The Movie
Discotek Media
DVD • $24.95 MSRP

Guaridan of the Spirit: Complete Collection
Viz Media
DVD • $44.82

Guaridan of the Spirit: Complete Collection
Viz Media
Blu-ray • $54.97

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Upcoming Anime DVD/Blu-Ray Releases

Summer 2014 *Continued*

KINMOZA! (Kiniro Mosaic): Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
DVD • $49.98 MSRP • Sub

KINMOZA! (Kiniro Mosaic): Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
Blu-ray • $59.98 MSRP • Sub

Toriko: Collection 1
FUNimation
DVD • $34.98

Uta no Prince Sama: Season 2 Collection
Sentai Filmworks
DVD • $49.98 MSRP • Sub

Uta no Prince Sama: Season 2 Collection
Sentai Filmworks
Blu-ray • $59.98 MSRP • Sub

Watamote: Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
DVD • $59.98 MSRP

Watamote: Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
Blu-ray • $69.98 MSRP

September 2

Baka and Test - Summon the Beasts: Complete Collection (S.A.V.E. Edition)
FUNimation
DVD • $29.98

Fate/kaleid liner Prisma Illya: Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
DVD • $59.98

Fate/kaleid liner Prisma Illya: Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
Blu-ray • $69.98

Hal
FUNimation
Blu-ray • $29.98

Love Live! school idol project: Season 1 Premium Edition
Sentai Filmworks
Blu-ray • $64.99 MSRP • Sub

Stella Women's Academy High School Division Class C³: Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
DVD • $49.98 MSRP • Sub

September 9

Fairy Tail Part 12
FUNimation
Blu-ray/DVD Combo • NA • Preliminary

Tamako Market: Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
DVD • $49.98

September 16

Dragon Ball Z: Season 7 Collection
FUNimation
Blu-ray • $44.98

Listen to Me, Girls. I Am Your Father!: Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
Blu-ray • $59.98 MSRP • Sub

Majestic Prince: Collection 2
Sentai Filmworks
DVD • $59.98

Majestic Prince: Collection 2
Sentai Filmworks
Blu-ray • $69.98

Yu-Gi-oh! Zexal: Season 1ß Vol.1
4K Media/Cinedigm
DVD • $24.95 MSRP • Dub

Akihisa Yoshii and his "Shōkanjū" — Baka and Test: Summon the Beasts

TFcon

TFcon returns to Toronto this year due to last year's overwhelming success. The event will be held from July 26th to 28th at the Delta Meadowvale Hotel and Conference Centre in Mississauga. **TFcon** is Canada's annual *Transformers* collectors' convention, and is the largest fan-run *Transformers* convention in the world. *Transformers* aficionados will be able to feast their eyes on a wide selection of *Transformers* collectibles and artwork, hear from an array of speakers and enter the **TFcon** costume contest.

The show is excited to announce several *Transformers* voice actor guests including Dick Gautier, Jack Angel, and Venus Terzo. Gautier was the voice behind Rodimus Prime and Hot Rod in the Generation 1 cartoon, while Angel was the voice behind Astrotrain, Cyclonus and Ultra Magnus in the original cartoon. Terzo is remembered to fans as the voice of Blackarachnia in *Beast Wars* and *Beast Machines*. Attendees will be able attend the panel sessions and to receive signed autographs from Gautier, Angel and Terzo.

Attendees have the opportunity to enter their 2D or 3D artwork into the **TFcon** custom art contest on Saturday, July 27th. Several *Transfomers* comic book artists will be showcasing their artwork at **TFcon** this year as well including Toronto's own Alex Milne, plus Livio Ramondelli, Casey Coller and Josh Perez. James Roberts the writer of the fan favorite comic book series *More Than Meets the Eye* will be amongst those attending **TFcon 2013** for his first ever North American convention appearance. Roberts will also be available for question and answer periods and will be signing autographs. ❖

WORLD COSP FINALS at ANIME CENTRAL

PLAY SUMMIT 2014 RECAP

By Staff Writer **Greg J. Hansen**
with **Laura Butler**

On Sunday, May 18th, the World Cosplay Summit US Finals took place at Anime Central (ACen). Anime Central is one of the largest anime conventions in the United States, boasting unique attendance of over 29,000 fans this year. The convention, held in Rosemont, Illinois, announced a partnership with World Cosplay Summit US to be the home of the US Finals event.

Kiwi Teacup Cosplay

Soul Calibur 5

Winners of the WCS US Finals 2014, Green Jello Cosplay, will represent the US in Japan.

C4 Cosplay

Cardcaptor Sakura

Bejitaballz Cosplay

Soul Calibur II

Eight teams were chosen at a number of regional preliminaries events held in other conventions across the US, representing Eastern, Gulf, Midwest and Mountain regions. They came to ACen to compete for the opportunity to travel to Japan as the official Team USA in the World Cosplay Summit this summer.

Craftsmanship judging took place on Saturday, May 17th. Each team had ten minutes to present their work and explain their techniques to the panel of judges. The judges evaluated costumes on fidelity to the source material, quality of construction and overall effect. The judges came from around the United States and were joined by several guest international judges. KoriStarfire, Luckygrim, Malindachan and WCS US Team USA 2013 member Breathlessaire of Cupcake Cosplay were joined by WCS Team Germany 2013—ChiisaiSaku and Kairi Heartless—and WCS Team Netherlands 2013 member Lil'd.

Guest Judges

The live performance and presentation for the Finals took place on Sunday in front of an audience of conventioneers and online viewers. Online viewership for the event was notable, with fans tuning in from around the world to watch. The event was hosted by Mario Bueno, a voice actor, online personality and former competitor in World Cosplay Summit US Preliminaries. The full line-up of finalist teams was as follows:

Bejitaballz – *Eastern Qualifier*

C4 Cosplay – *Gulf Qualifier*

Cute Classy Cosplay – *Midwest Qualifier*

Green Jello Cosplay – *Mountain Qualifier*

Karmaluna – *Midwest Qualifier*

Kirayume – *Eastern Qualifier*

Kiwi Teacup Studios – *Eastern Qualifier*

Wild Garden Cosplay – *Mountain Qualifier*

Mario Bueno

Green Jello Cosplay

Guilty Crown

Cute Classy Cosplay

Fushigi Yuugi

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Kirayume Cosplay

Chobits

The judges broke for halftime and to discuss their decision. After a halftime video presentation, they returned to announce the winners, who were both teams that have competed for the World Cosplay Summit US top slot several times. Bejitaballz, made up of Badman and Binkx, were chosen as the runners-up with their presentation of *Soul Calibur 2*. The team which took the top prize and has won the opportunity to represent the United States internationally was Green Jello Cosplay with *Guilty Crown*!

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Wild Garden Cosplay

Revolutionary Girl Utena

For 2015, World Cosplay Summit US already has a full slate of events planned, with an official website launch, and competitions scheduled for the following conventions and regions so far: AnimeNEXT (Northeast Qualifier), Saboten Con (Southwest Qualifier), NanDesuKan (Mountain Qualifier), Newcon PDX (Northwest Qualifier), and Fandom Con (Southeast Qualifier).

Our deepest congratulations go out to Elrowiel and Pannon as the country cheers them on and watches their journey this summer in Japan! ❖

Runner-ups of
the WCS US Finals 2014
is Bejitaballz Cosplay.

Northeast Qualifier participants Assert Revenge, Kiss Kiss, and Dreamcasters.

Pictures (top left and right) taken by Allyson Rochlin

The first team of the 2015 competition year was chosen at AnimeNEXT in Somerset, NJ on June 7th. Please congratulate the Northeast Qualifier winner Kiss Kiss Cosplay! (right)

The Finalists & WCS Staff

Who's That Seiyu

Ōhashi, Kenichirō

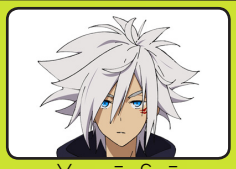
大橋 賢一郎

DOB: **March 24, 1982**
Tōkyō

Blood Type: **A**

Current Roles…

Ryūjin, Shōgo
Majin Bone



Yagyū, Suō
Neppu Kairiku Bushi Road

Kuroki, Anji
Smurai Flaminco

Kanbara, Akihito
Kyōkai no Kanata

Uesaka, Sumire

上坂 すみれ

DOB: **December 19, 1991**
Kanagawa

Blood Type: **O**

Current Roles…

Inugami, Yachiyo
Inugami to Nekoyama

Peach Maki
Hōzuki no Reitetsu

Dekomori, Sanae
Chūnibyō

Elbia Hanaiman
Outbreak Company

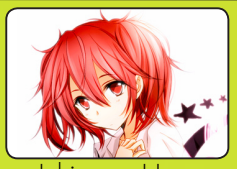
Kanemoto, Hisako

金元 寿子

DOB: **December 16, 1987**
Okayama Prefecture

Blood Type: **B**

Current Roles…



Ichinose, Haru
Akuma no Riddle

Kurashiki, Sera
Z/X Ignition

Kiritani, Yukina
Saikin Imōto

Midorikawa, Yuhata
Sidonia no Kishi

Yūki, Aoi

悠木 碧

DOB: **March 27, 1992**
Chiba

Blood Type: **A**

Current Roles…

Tatane, Meme
Soul Eater NOT

Renbōkoji, Akira
Kakumeiki Valvrave

Kaname, Madoka
Madoka Magika

Hikigaya, Komachi
OreGairu

Nakano, Yuto

中野裕斗

DOB: **June 4, 1967**
Chiba

Blood Type: **O**

Current Roles…

Ginko
Mushishi

Leviathan
Katekyo Hitman Reborn!

Akoes
Cassbern Sins

Kana, Hanazawa

花澤香菜

DOB: **February 25, 1989**
Tōkyō

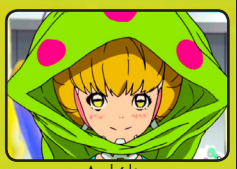
Blood Type: **AB**

Current Roles…

Kawai, Ritsu
Bokura wa Minna Kawai-Sō

Onodera, Kosaki
Nisekoi

Jessica Valentine
Seikoku no Dragonar

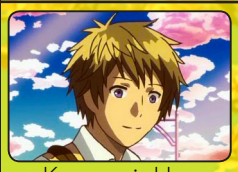


Adélie
Space☆Dandy

ī of Spring 2014

Iguchi, Yūichi
井口 祐一
DOB: **February 22**
Tōkyō
Blood Type: **A**

Current Roles…



Kazunari, Usa
Bokura wa Minna Kawai-Sō

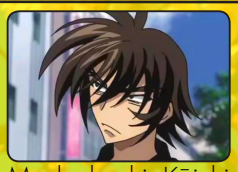
Sarue, Mitsuki
Hataraku Maō-sama!

Mikagami, Kōki
Ore no Imōto

Seragaki, Sei
DRAMAtical Murder

Shimazaki, Nobunaga
島﨑 信長
DOB: **December 6, 1988**
Miyagi Prefecture
Blood Type: **A**

Current Roles…



Madanbashi, Kōichi
Kenzen Robo Daimidaler

Itsuka Shidō
Date A Live

Livius I
Sekai wa Utsukushii

Oda, Nobukatsu
Nobunaga The Fool

Amamiya, Sora
雨宮 天
DOB: **August 28, 1993**
Tōkyō
Blood Type: **AB**

Current Roles…

Fujimiya, Kaori
Isshūkan Friends.

Mitsui, Honoka
Mahōka Kōkō no Rettōsei

Hazuki, Jin
Blade & Soul

Hayase, Aika
Sekai de Ichiban

Murakawa, Rie
村川 梨衣
DOB: **June 1, 1990**
Saitama
Blood Type: **B**

Current Roles…

Escha Malier
Atelier Escha & Logy

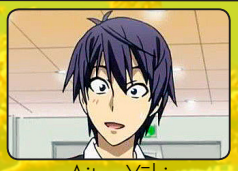
Komatsuri, Hibiki
SoniAni

Kobari, Rin
Mahō Shōjo Taisen

Futaba, Aoi
Vividred Operation

Matsuoka, Yoshitsugu
松岡 禎丞
DOB: **September 17, 1986**
Hokkaidō
Blood Type: **N/A**

Current Roles…



Aito, Yūki
Mangaka to Assistant to

Ichijō, Masaki
Mahōka Kōkō no Rettōsei

Magellan
Nobunaga the Fool

Sora
No Game No Life

Ōsaka, Ryōta
良太 逢坂
DOB: **August 2, 1986**
Tokushima
Blood Type: **O**

Current Roles…

Murakami, Ryōta
Gokukoku no Brynhildr

Tanikaze, Nagate
Sidonia no Kishi

Yaze, Motoki
Strike the Blood

Hatate, Sōta
Kanojo ga Flag o Oraretara

August 19, 2014

PS3

Console & Desktop Gaming Summer 2014

Rororina Fryxell — Atelier Rorona Plus: The Alchemist of Arland

June 24

Atelier Rorona Plus: The Alchemist of Arland
NIS America • Gust
PS3, PS Vita • RPG

BlazBlue: Chrono Phantasma
Aksys Games • Arc System Works
PS Vita • Fighting

Company of Heroes 2: The Western Front Armies
Sega • Relic Entertainment
PC • Strategy

Farming Simulator 14
Focus Home Interactive • Giants Software
3DS, PS Vita • Simulation

Grid Autosport
Bandai Namco • Codemasters
PC, PS3, X360 • Racing

Plants vs. Zombies: Garden Warfare
Electronic Arts • PopCap
PC • Shooter

The Swapper
Facepalm Games
PS Vita, PS3, PS4 • Puzzle

Transformers: Rise of the Dark Spark
Activision
3DS, PS3, PS4, Wii U, X360, Xbox One • Action

XBlaze Code: Embryo
Aksys Games, Inc
PS3, PS Vita • Adventure

June 25

Another World: 20th Anniversary Edition
The Digital Lounge
3DS, PC, PS3, PS4, Wii U, X360, Xbox One • Adventure

Valiant Hearts: The Great War
Ubisoft
PC, PS3, PS4, X360, Xbox One • Puzzle, Adventure

June 26

Shovel Knight
Ubisoft
Linux, MAC, PC • Action, Adventure

June 27

Sniper Elite III
505 Games • Rebellion
PC • Shooter

June 30

Divinity: Original Sin
Larian Studios
PC • RPG

July 1

Child of Light
Ubisoft • Ubisoft Montreal
PS Vita • RPG

Sniper Elite III
505 Games • Rebellion
PS3, PS4, X360, Xbox One • Shooter

July 8

MouseCraft
Crunching Koalas • Curve Studios
PS Vita, PS3, PS4 • Puzzle

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Summer 2014

XBlaze – Code: Embryo characters

July 22

Dark Souls II: The Lost Crowns DLC Trilogy (First Chapter Release)
Bandai Namco Games • FromSoftware
PC, PS3, X360 • Action

Oddworld: New 'n' Tasty
Just Add Water Developments • Oddworld Inhabitants
MAC, PC, PS4, PS Vita, Wii U • Adventure

July 28

Making History: The Great War
Muzzy Lane Software
MAC, PC • Strategy

July 29

The Last of Us: Remastered
Sony Computer Entertainment • Naughty Dog Software
PS3, PS4 • Action

August 5

Sacred 3
Deep Silver • Keen Games
PC, PS3, X360 • RPG

August 8

Ultra Street Fighter IV
Capcom • Dimps
PC • Fighting

August 12

Disgaea 4: A Promise Revisited
NIS, Inc • NIS America, Inc.
PS Vita • Strategy, RPG

Hohokum
Sony Computer Entertainment • Honeyslug, SCE Studios Santa Monica
PS3, PS4, PS Vita • Action

Risen 3: Titan Lords
Deep Silver • Piranha Bytes
PC, PS3, X360 • RPG

August 19

Diablo III: Reaper of Souls – Ultimate Evil Edition
Blizzard Entertainment
PS3, PS4, X360, Xbox One • Third Person, Action

Plants vs. Zombies: Garden Warfare
Electronic Arts • PopCap
PS3, PS4 • Strategy

Tales of Xillia 2
Namco Bandai • Namco Tales Studio
PS3 • RPG

August 26

Madden NFL 15
EA Tiburon • Electronic Arts
Xbox One, PS3, X360, PS4 • Sports

August 29

Professor Layton vs. Phoenix Wright
Nintendo • Level-5, Capcom
3DS • Adventure

September 1

Siegecraft Commander
Blowfish Studios
Xbox One • Strategy

September 2

Danganronpa 2: Goodbye Despair
Nippon Ichi Software • Spike Chunsoft
PS Vita • Action

The Sims 4
Electronic Arts • The Sims Studio
MAC, PC • Simulation

September 3

Gauntlet
Warner Bros. Interactive Entertainment • Arrowhead Game Studios
PC • Action

September 9

Destiny
Activision • Bungie
PS3, PS4, X360, Xbox One • Shooter

NHL 15
Electronic Arts • EA Canada
PS3, PS4, X360, Xbox One • Sports

September 16

Theatrhythm Final Fantasy: Curtain Call
Square Enix • Indies Zero
3DS • Music, RPG

September 23

Fairy Fencer F
NIS America • Compile Heart
PS3 • RPG

FIFA 15
Electronic Arts • EA Canada
PC, PS3, PS4, X360, Xbox One • Sports

FIFA 15: Legacy Edition
Electronic Arts • EA Canada
3DS, PS Vita, Wii • Sports

Ludger Will Kresnik — Tales of Xillia 2

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Manga Review

Power Play!

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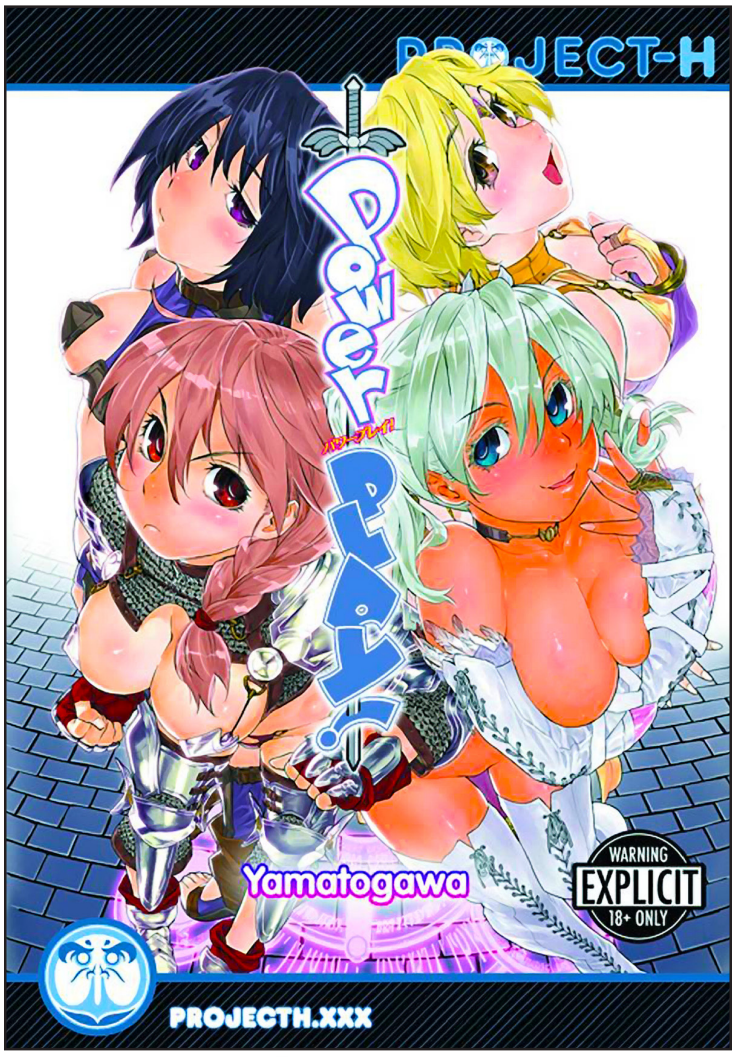

Like *Shocking Pink!*, an early Project-H title that I have also reviewed, *Power Play!* is ridiculous and over-the-top in its pursuit of sexy scenes and fulfilling fantasies. The story twists around itself, as the male character Sadaharu is told he's the reincarnation of the Incubus King, Shadahr from a parallel fantasy world. Meanwhile, in his world, Sadaharu is a hentai game designer, whose most recent attempt at a game is based on his "memories" of being the Incubus King. Realities meet as Sarah, King Shadahr's familiar, appears in Sadaharu's world – followed closely by three female knights who are determined to stop King Shadahr's quest to seduce and control every woman in the world.

Of course, King Shadahr's sexual prowess is so great that it gives him unbridled control over women. Even the Maria, Meena, and Eclair, the knights, are affected by his power, and thus by Sadaharu. And on top of that Sadaharu discovers during his trials with the four female characters that he has some power to manipulate their "programmed" profile, giving the plot a random (but amusing) meta aspect. It's not developed as much as I think it could have been, but it still provides an interesting plot point at times.

Though not to the same degree as *Shocking Pink!*, *Power Play!* also has a tongue-in-cheek awareness of its own ridiculousness. One of the knights, Meena, openly expects the "harem end" that would normally characterize such a hentai story (and she's very disappointed that it doesn't materialize). The idea that Sadaharu can manipulate the "weaknesses" of the knights isn't openly commented on, like I might expect in *Shocking Pink!*, but it's still obviously a "convenience" of the plot. On the other hand, it's not completely random, like in *Shocking Pink!*–Yamatogawa builds this "power" into the storyline quite cleverly.

While the sex perhaps predictably treads on some dangerous ground, suggesting that Shadahr (though notably, not Sadaharu to the same degree) is so sexually satisfying as to override a woman's objections, it at least couches this in a setting of sheer fantasy. Eclair can control water, and uses it to gratuitously have sex with Maria in multiple ways. Meena's powers allow her to "split" Sadaharu's consciousness, so he can have sex with her in multiple positions at the same time. And Maria's stamina is unmatched. They try to trap Sarah in Sadaharu's h-game, which involves the ultimate cornucopia of over-the-top sex–bondage, toys, multiple penetration, and girl-on-girl action. Everything in the story is crazy and clearly relies on fantasies that simply can't be fulfilled.

Power Play!
Powerプレイ!
January 2014 (Febraury 2012)
Project-H • Akaneshinsa Co.

www.emanga.com

Author: Yamatogawa

Genre: Hentai, Fantasy, Comedy, Harem
Format: Softcover/Manga
Pages: approx 200
Price: $19.95 MSRP

This means that the volume is hard pressed to become boring. Standard storylines of childhood friends or new neighbors or the unattainable school queen go right out the window. Granted, Sadaharu is still the uncertain, fumbling virgin "hero," but the women are aggressive and come on to him. And again, the plot actually builds that into the story, with the knights needing to "defeat" King Shadahr by draining him of semen–obviously the source of his magic. Perhaps the three knights become a little blurred–outside of their powers, during sex they are pretty similar, and it's only outside of sex that their personalities show through very clearly. In a way, this is quite satisfying; female characters that are more than copy-pasted versions of each other so they can have sex with the main character.

The reliance on and fulfillment of fantasy, combined with the fact that the volume is uncensored (one of Project-H's first such offerings) make it easy to understand why it's one of Project-H's most popular titles. As with many hentai titles, there may still be an excess of showing, the sex overt rather than titillating. But thankfully, this also means that in large part there are no bizarre and mistimed confessions of love. So even though it lacks finesse and sophistication, *Power Play!* is still a more than enjoyable and sexy read. ❖ Alanna Mori

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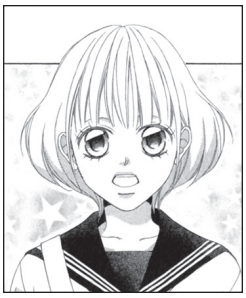
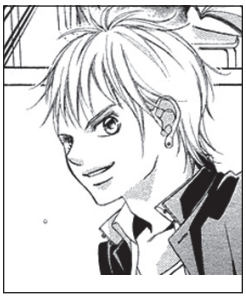
Ogasawara, Aki

A sound engineer music compser of the band Crude Play. He quit the band right at their height. After the breakup with Mari, he unexpectedly meets Riko.



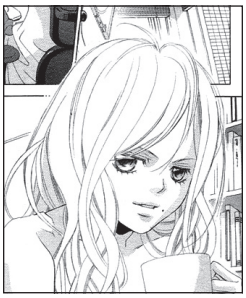
Koeda, Riko

High schooler and talented singer of their three-piece startup band. She has potential as a singer. Riko enounters Aki at a park and falls in lover with him at first sight.



Sakaguchi, Shun

A high school friend of Aki and lead singer of the band Crude Play.



Mari

A professionals singer and former lover of Aki. She ties to pursuade him to keep on composing music.

Kanojo wa Uso wo Aishisugiteru

by

Aoki, Kotomi (青木琴美)

25-year-old sound engineer Aki is a member of popular band Crude Play, but right after the band decides to make their major record debut Aki quits the band. Aki provides his music to Crude Play. Discontented with his life and with no drive to succeed, he accidentally meets Riko, the day after his breakup with Mari. Riko, a 16-year-old grocer's daughter and in a band herself, with childhood friends Yuichi and Sōta. One day she is scouted by a producer unbeknownst to Aki.

Here's a preview of the first chapter. Be sure to support the author.

These pages are meant to read in spreads, side by side. The story flow will be off, if read page by individual page.

Kanojo wa Uso wo Aishisugiteru
(The Girl Who Loved Lies)
カノジョは嘘を愛しすぎてる

Shogakukan
May 2009 - Present, 14 Volumes

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kanojo_wa_Uso_o_Aishisugiteru

cheese.shogakukan.co.jp/sakuhin/kanouso.html

Author: Aoki, Kotomi

Genre: Drama, Romance, Shōjo

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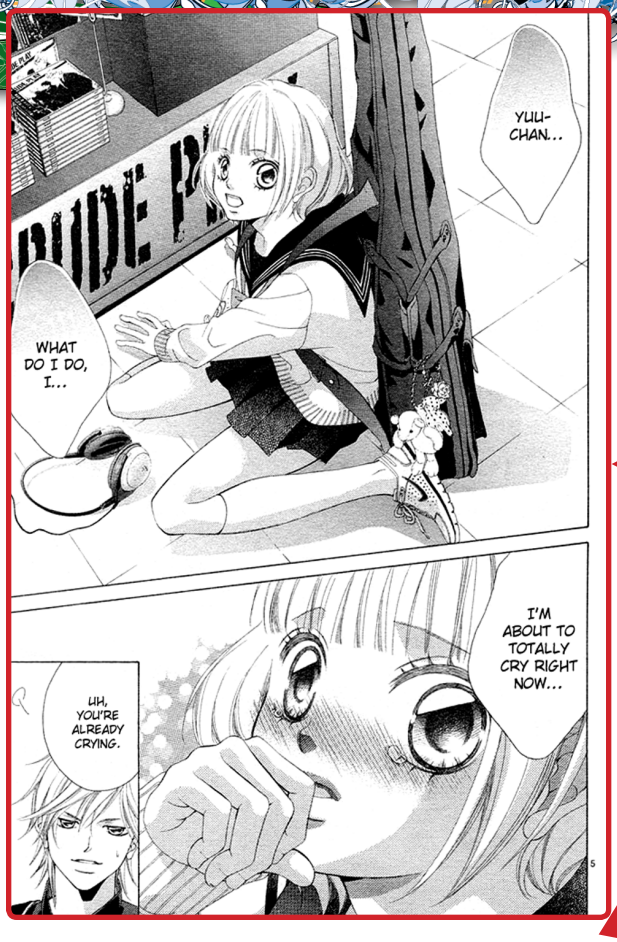

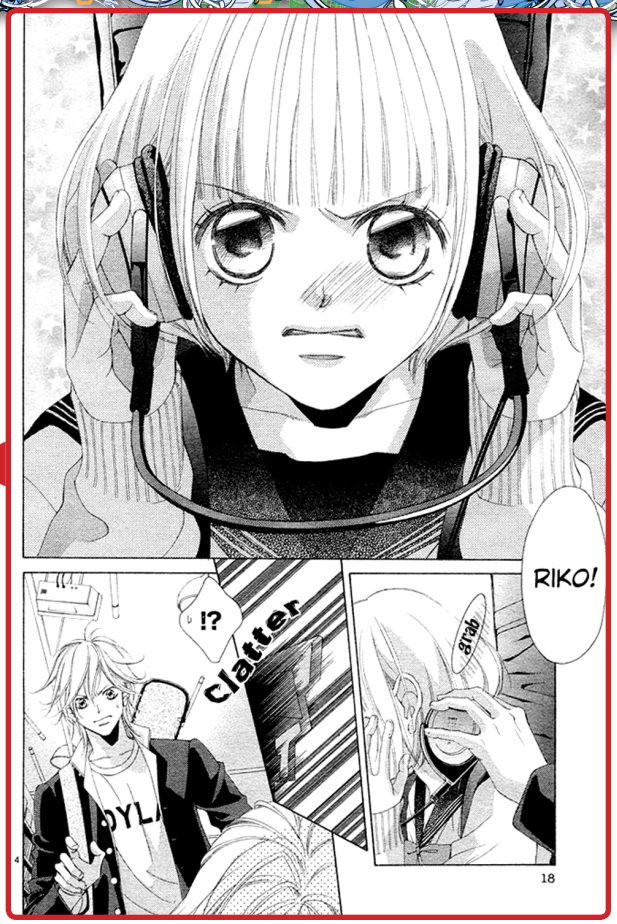

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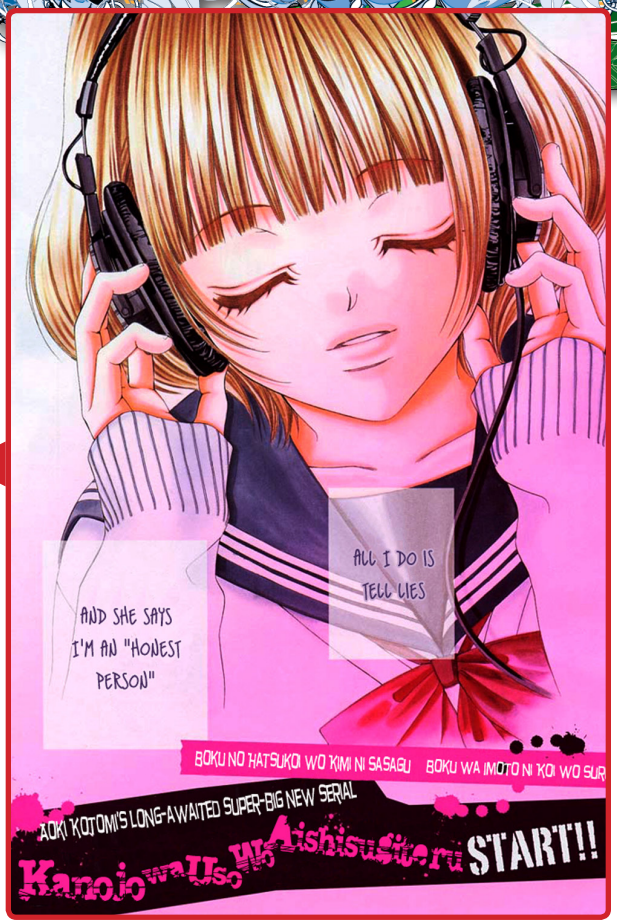

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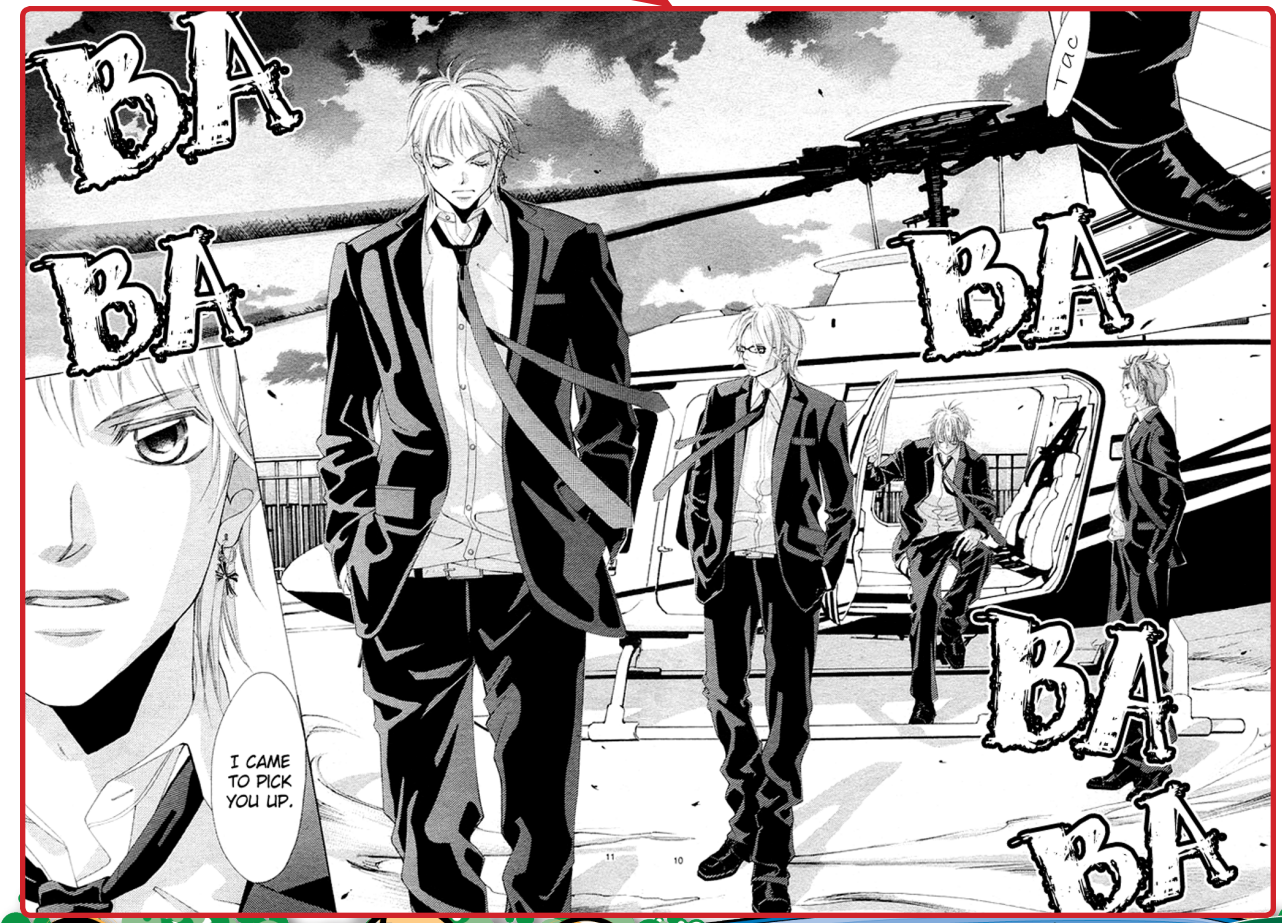

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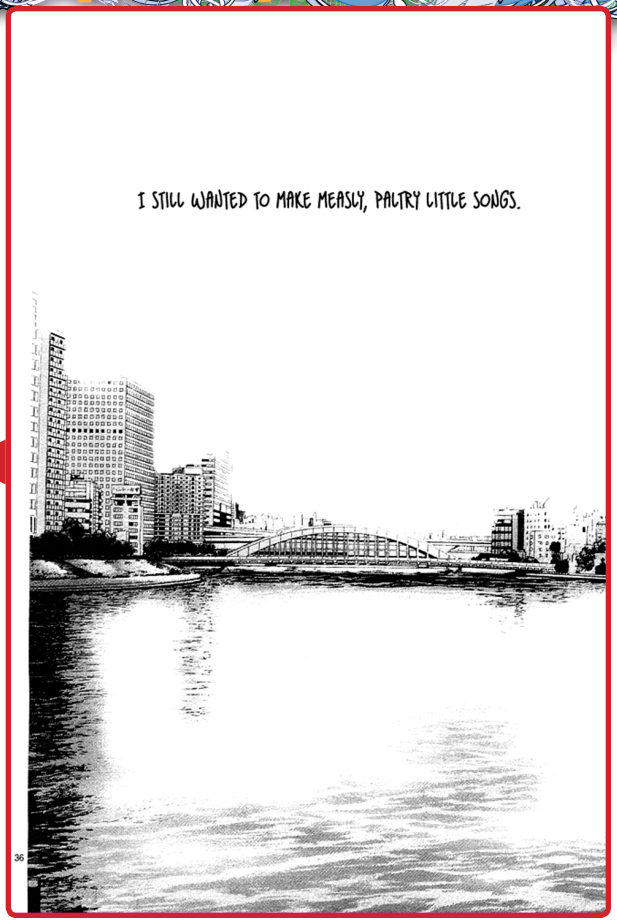

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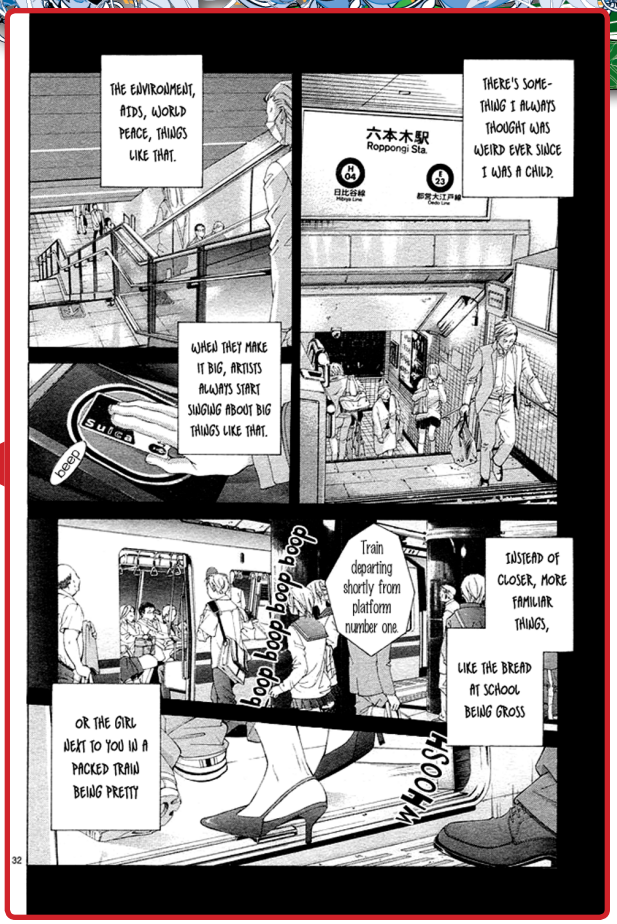

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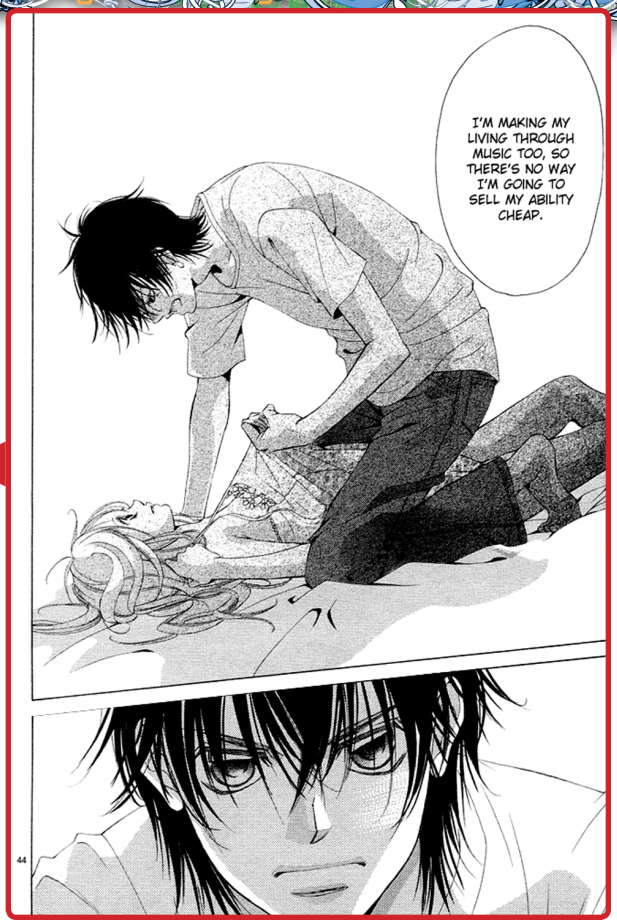

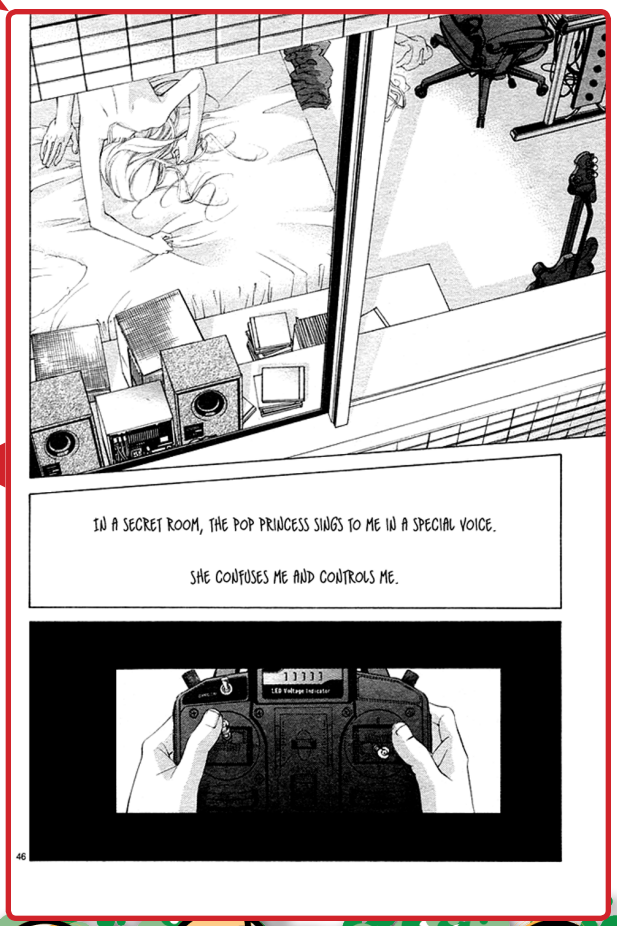

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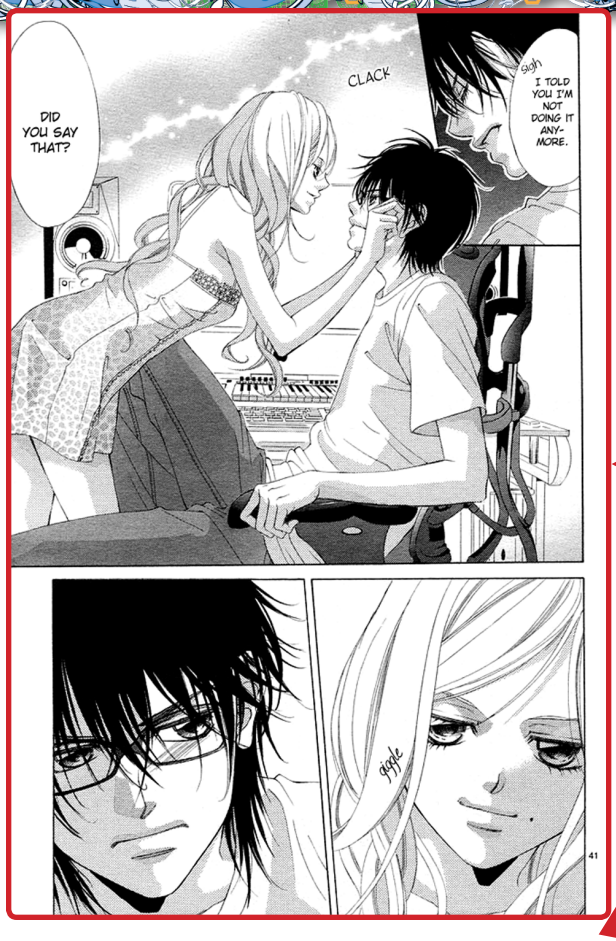

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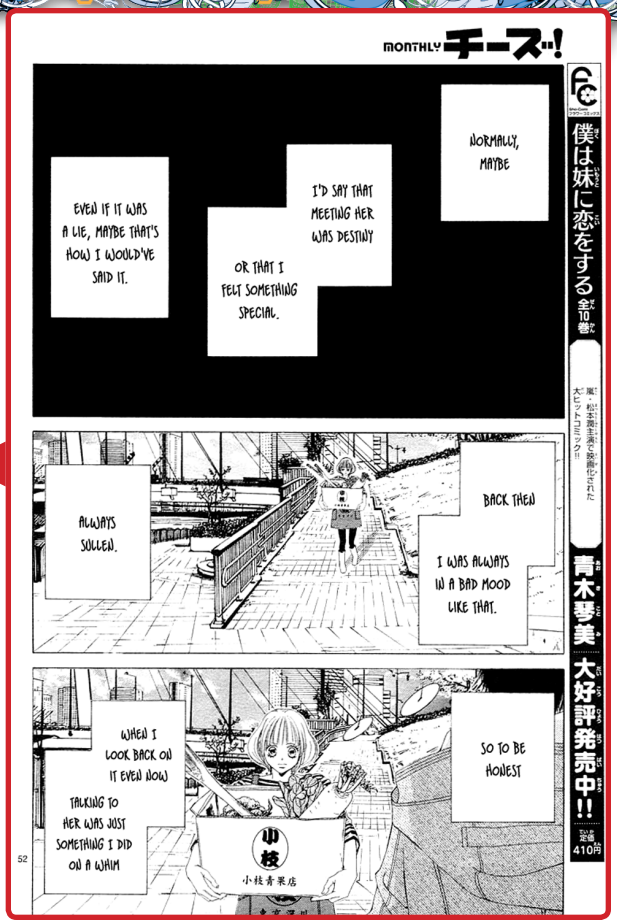

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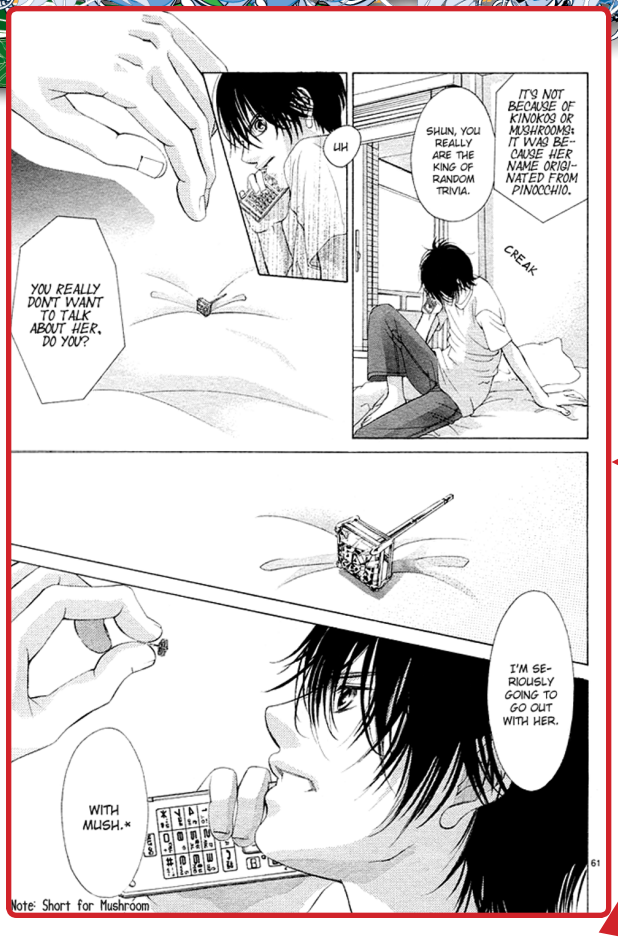

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Huh?
I DID FALL IN LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT...!
BUT I
squeeze
THUMP
BACK THERE...
YOU WERE HUM-MING...
THE LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT THING.
UH
I MEAN
I COULDN'T TAKE MY EYES OFF OF YOU.
I JUST
GOT GOOSE-BUMPS.
AND THEN
YOU LOOKED AT ME AND SAID "DO YOU BELIEVE IN LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT?"...
HUM-MING?
cough
56
70
MEANS THAT YOU'RE INTERESTED IN ME, RIGHT?
THAT YOU WERE TRYING TO PICK ME UP
WELL?
ringringring...
71
57
Honey Hunt
相原実貴
大好評発売中!!
EVERYONE THINKS THAT IT'S ALL TAKAGI'S OWN STYLE, FOR SURE.
TAKAGI'S THE PRODU-CER FOR BOTH MARI AND CP.
AND
YOU SAID YOU'D NEVER DO IT AGAIN, DIDN'T YOU?
I FERVENTLY SUPPORT THE GOOD OLD "HELLO" MYSELF.
SO, HOW DO YOU LIKE THIS METHOD OF CALLING?
I GOT A GIRLFRIEND.
YOU'RE STRANGELY UPBEAT ABOUT SOMETHING, AREN'T YOU?
DID YOU MAKE A SONG?
...SO YOU BROKE THINGS OFF WITH MARI?
I'D BROKEN THINGS OFF WITH MARI FROM THE START!
POP
DON'T SAY STUPID THINGS.
YOU LIAR!
TAKAGI MADE ME LISTEN TO MARI'S NEW DEMO SONG ALL PROUDLY TODAY
AND THAT ARRANGE-MENT: THAT HAD YOUR NAME ALL OVER IT, AK!!
58
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AND BE-CAUSE OF THAT I GO OUT TRYING TO PICK UP GIRLS...
I MEAN LOOK
I'M TURNING INTO SOME CREEP WHO'D SAY HE'D KILL SOMEONE AT THE DROP OF A HAT
WELL, I'M THE ONE WHO'S SO PISSED THAT I COULD KILL HIM!
LISTEN, YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO LIE TO GIRLS ABOUT LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT.
SHE BOUGHT IT FOR REAL.
WHAT'S SHE LIKE?
WHOA-- WENT RIGHT FOR THE THROAT, DIDN'T YOU?
SO WHAT? INSTANT EX-PLOSIVE LAU-GHTER? OR SHE PLAYED ALONG AND SAID OK.
NOPE... THE LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT THING...
PICK UP GIRLS?
WHAT? DID YOU SAY YOU LOST A CONTACT LENS?
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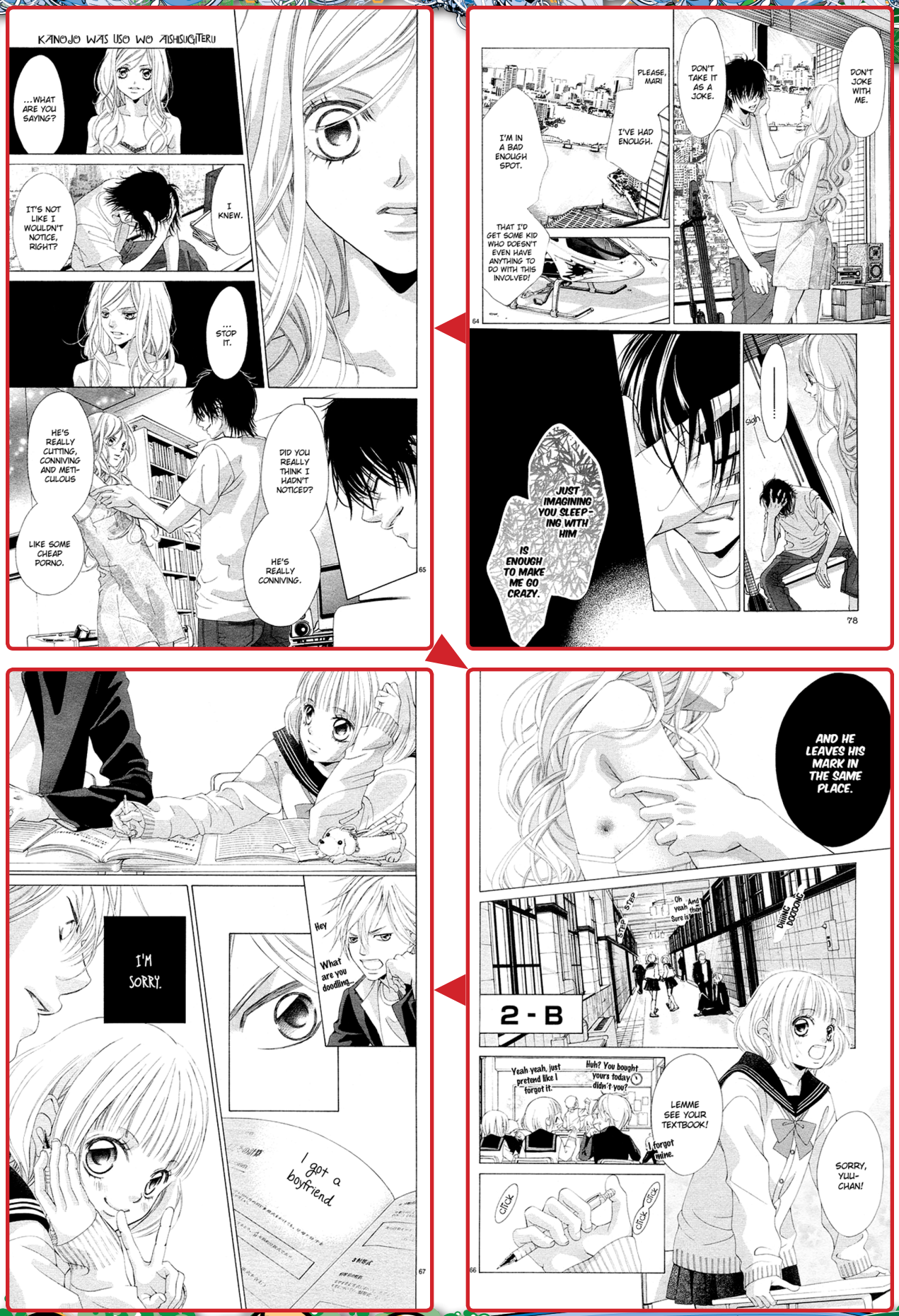

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The First Amendment: The First Amendment guarantees that no one can be jailed for the content they read, make, share or sell. Exceptions to the First Amendment are when something is obscene, or when speech creates immediate harm, such as "fighting words" or "child pornography." In recent years, law enforcement in the US has targeted & prosecuted manga readers.

How Arrests Happen: Arrests happen at the point of last transaction, meaning when you receive a package, download an image or sell a good. In recent years, arrests about manga have occurred when individuals received an order from Japan, when their downloads were flagged in the course of a broad investigation, or when they sold an item to an undercover police officer.

What Are The Charges: Manga is typically prosecuted under provisions of either under local obscenity law, local child pornography laws, local harmful to minors laws, or the Protect Act. To be obscene work must be proved in court to be patently offensive, possess no serious literary, artistic or scientific value, and appeal to the prurient interest (arouse the reader). To be harmful to minors it must meet the above test, but as to minors. The Protect Act and child pornography laws say that if work depicts minors engaged in sexual behavior, and is obscene, it is the same as child pornography.

Manga & Child Pornography: By definition, manga cannot be child pornography. Child pornography is photographic evidence of a crime where a real person is being subjected to real harm. Drawings are not photographs, and no real people are harmed in their creation. Prosecuting individuals for possessing art is a dangerous infringement on our rights.

Traveling With Manga: There are increasing cases of individuals being stopped at borders for carrying manga that customs officials believe is child pornography or obscene. At borders, any of your property can be searched, including computers and digital devices of any kind. Learn more about your rights at borders at www.cbldf.org, where we have prepared special advisory publications to assist in these situations.

Why We Fight: Manga is misunderstood. Commonly, law enforcement sees manga as a code word for porn, and sees the art style of many manga as depicting children. One reader aided by CBLDF spent two years under the false accusation of importing child pornography for drawings of chibis! It is important to fight all cases prosecuting manga to prove that it is art and is protected by the First Amendment.

Fear Is Not The Answer: It does no good to stop reading the manga you love for fear of prosecution. Likewise, turning on other manga fans because they are prosecuted for material that you dislike does more harm than good for all fans of manga. We must raise the consciousness of our community that manga is free speech, and we have a constitutional right to read it in all its forms. As a community, we must raise the consciousness of the rest of the world that manga is art that speaks to a wide range of important human concerns. A united front emphasizing the power of manga as art is the only way to raise the consciousness of police and prosecutors enough to stop attacking manga in the first place.

Why Support The Comic Book Legal Defense Fund: The CBLDF provides financial aid, legal counsel, and legal expertise to individuals being prosecuted for manga. We also give educational seminars to libraries and lawyers about manga to raise their consciousness about its value as art. Please share this information with your fellow fans, and please make a donation to the CBLDF. We can only afford to do this work with the support of fans like you. Please help! www.cbldf.org

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